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UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

It is too bad that, after telling these fellows from Shanghai and Malaya about our wonderful winter weather—bright sunshine, invigorating air, and all the rest of it—down comes the rain, and everything becomes damp and dismal. Of course, such weather is most unusual at this time of year; Bottlethwaite—one of our oldest inhabitants—assures me that never before has he known any rain to fall in November—or hardly ever. Now, at Shanghai in 1929 he tells me inclement weather prevented the commencement of the Interport for seventeen days after the appointed time. Think of it, nearly three weeks of rain! That's no way to treat one's guests. Then at Singapore, in 1921, almost the entire Hong Kong team were pre-occupied by the intense heat, and all of them suffered badly from sunburn. Dash it all, we don't mind a little "roasting" now and again, but we don't want it done literally. In other words, it "isn't cricket" to shove eleven men accustomed to the almost arctic atmosphere of Hong Kong out in the broiling super-heated sunshine of Singapore until their skins are blistered like chunks of what our Chinese friends call "golden pig." What I mean to say is—it isn't done, old boy, it really isn't done!

I have been trying to work out a joke about high scoring and him-Malaya, but somehow inspiration fails to come to me, so I present the germ of a joke to whosoever feels inclined to hatch it.

During the week I noticed—as I thought—a large number of plumbers at work on the roofs of various tall buildings within half a mile of the cricket-ground. Later on I discovered they were not plumbers, but were men watching the game and the score-board through glasses and telescopes. Seems to me the "him-Malaya" idea should work in here somehow, but I just can't do it.

Bottlethwaite took his better-half down to see the game on the first afternoon, but will not repeat the performance. He says it is too exhausting and humiliating. Mr. B. knows even less than her hubby about the game (though as an Old Boy he is entitled to wear a necktie of the famous colours of St. Wilfrids, Wigan), but she is anxious to learn. She asked all the usual questions, which, as you know, I didn't see any use in asking—and so on and so on. Poor old Bottlethwaite answered all these and a million other fool questions with such patience as he could muster, but when Mrs. B. poor thing—still trying to show intelligent interest in what was going on, innocently asked how

many games made a set, her husband's temper got the better of him, and he went off in a huff to the bar, saying he would see the rest of the game in comfort next day in the paper.

What an extraordinary thing it is that in these days of wireless wonders there is still the same old difficulty in finding out what time you may expect to meet and greet a friend arriving by steamer! With a few honourable exceptions, it seems to be as difficult to-day to get information from shipping companies about incoming vessels as it was in the good old days when "telegrams" used to reach Hong Kong by mail. Bottlethwaite is frightfully angry over a recent experience of this sort. He had a friend arriving, and was told the ship would be in "about daylight to-morrow," so he set the alarm clock for 3 a.m. cancelled an engagement to play poker all night, and went to bed immediately after dinner.

As usual, the neighbours kept things humming until well after midnight, but even if he couldn't sleep at least he was resting his weary limbs. At the appointed hour the alarm went off, scaring Mrs. B. out of her life and causing Bottlethwaite to curse loud and long at being dragged out of a warm bed into the cold at such an unearthly hour. Made himself a cup of hot coffee, dropped a couple of spoonfuls of rum into it, and off he went to see the ship arrive "about daylight." He shivering on the wharf about three hours without seeing anything move in the harbour but the ferries and a few junks, and went to office feeling very tired and disgruntled. Rang up the shipping office to inquire what had happened, and was told the ship was expected "to-morrow" morning. "But you said that yesterday!" protested Bottlethwaite, but the fellow at the other end had hung up the receiver, and so failed to pick up the subsequent comments offered for his edification by my old friend.

That night, and next morning, the same programme—early to bed, early to rise, rum and coffee, and still no steamer! "What the devil is the matter now," growled Bottlethwaite on the telephone several hours later; "has your blistered steamer gone to the bottom of the sea?" A voice replied: "We expect her some time this evening!" What Mr. B. actually said then I do not know, but whatever it was I think it was justified. Surely shipping agents are really much better informed about these matters than the information they give out to the public suggests! Surely they don't tell their stowed-away have gangs of men and lighters ready "to-morrow daylight" and then order them for the next day's "daylight"! Is there any real reason to keep information about the expected arrival of steamers so strictly secret and confidential? Is it not possible to know, twenty-four hours ahead, the probable time of arrival down to a margin of six minutes? Of course, passengers are a dashed nuisance, anyhow, and their anxious and inquiring friends are worse, but my sym-

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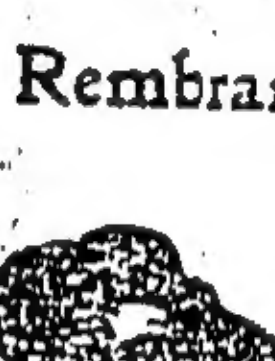
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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day (November 9.)

Canossian Institute: Charity Fair, 38, Caine Road, 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Dinner to Interport Teams, Government House.

Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Hong Kong, H.K.C.C. ground, 10.30 p.m.

Cricket:—Division II.: Kowloon C.C. v. Police (F.).

Football:—Division I.: Chinese v. Navy, Royal Artillery v. Club, Kowloon v. Police, South China v. K.O.S.B., St. Joseph's v. Somersets, Div. II.: University v. R.A.M.C., Navy v. Eastern, Regent v. Royal Artillery, South China "B" v. K.O.S.B., Somersets v. St. Joseph's, Club v. South China "A," Kowloon v. China "A," Ewe v. Chinese "D"

Miss Daisy O'Keefe's Dancing Display, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Ruth Van Valley Co. Star Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Singing Fool" (talking picture).

World Theatre: "The Kid in Clover."

Star Theatre: "For Alimony Only."

Tea Dances: Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

Dinner Dances: Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, Special Carnival at Refulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 12.31 a.m.; Low, 10.14 a.m.

European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Macedonia) 10.30 a.m.

Sunday (November 10.)

Twenty-fourth Sunday After Trinity.

Golf: Kowloon Golf Club Championship (first round).

Annual Athletic Meeting, Club de Recreio.

Italian Convent Charity Fair, 26 Caine Road, 10 a.m.

Ruth Van Valley Co. Star Theatre 5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Singing Fool" (talking picture).

World Theatre: "Silks and Saddles."

Star Theatre: "Strong Boy."

Tea Dance: Refulse Bay Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Tides: High, 1.46 a.m.; Low, 11.12 a.m.

Monday (November 11.)

St. Martin.

Armistice Day.

King Victor Emmanuel III. of Italy born, 1909.

St. John's Cathedral Matins, 9.45 a.m.

Ceremony at Cenotaph, 11 a.m.

Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Hong Kong, H.K.C.C. ground, 11.45 a.m.

Golf: Kowloon Golf Club v. Y.M.C.A.

E.A.S.M. Dinner, Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

Refulse Bay Hotel, special tiffin, 1 p.m., Carnival, 8.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "Alibi" (talking picture).

World Theatre: "Silks and Saddles."

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BLUCHER!SOVIET "NOT LOOKING
FOR WAR."NO "ACTIVITY" ON TRANS-
SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

The Shanghai *Slovo* reprints an interview with the Commander of the Soviet Army on the Manchurian border, General Blucher, by an Italian journalist, Signor Carrado Tedeschi.

"I would like to point out," the writer says, "that on my whole way out from Moscow to Vladivostok I have not noticed any signs of preparations for war, not a single troop train, no crowded soldiery in the railway stations. My attention to this fact was drawn by the group of Soviet journalists, representatives of the Leningrad and Moscow newspapers, who were sent as correspondents to the Sino-Soviet border.

"My first long stop was at Habarovsk, General Blucher's headquarters. On the day after my arrival, I was received by Blucher at his headquarters. The interview lasted over an hour and dealt exclusively on the question of the Sino-Soviet conflict.

"The quarters occupied by

Blucher are modest and simple—several big maps of China on the walls, and a big map of Northern Manchuria just in front of his desk. When I entered, a medium-sized, fair-haired man about 40, in military uniform but without the military men, rose to his feet to meet me. We sat down and Blucher was first to speak. He talks calmly, and, accentuating every sentence, said:

A Simple Soldier Man.

"I am a simple Russian workman, who fought as a private in the ranks of the Tsarist Army during the war with Germany, was wounded and promoted to non-commissioned officer, and, after the October Revolution, enlisted in the Red Army, and fought against the armies of Admiral Koltchak; now our government has appointed me to command the Special Far-Eastern Army.

"I firmly insist that the Soviet Government is not looking for war. Only to-day I signed an appeal to all Red soldiers to maintain complete calmness. I am not a politician but a simple soldier, so it is difficult for me to answer your question as to how and when the Sino-Soviet conflict will be settled. I have information that the Chinese Army is preparing for a winter campaign. I deny most emphatically the rumours that the Soviet troops were the first in the over-the-border raids. The facts will disclose quite the opposite."

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China's Sage, Confucius, or, at least, his 77th direct descendant, Mr. Kung Teh Cheng, is the latest to be singled out by the National Government in connection with their programme for the confiscation of "enemy properties."

The estates of the late Mr. Sheng Kung Pao and General Chang Haun having been confiscated to satisfy those in control at Nanking, it was thought that the properties of other high officials of the Manch regime and of past Republican administrations which have not been too well disposed towards the Nationalist Party would be seized.

But news to the effect that the estate of Confucius is to be confiscated has been received with the greatest surprise and consternation, especially by the literary classes.

Circular Telegram.

News of the National Government's proposed action has been given in a circular telegram despatched by Mr. Kung Teh Cheng, a direct lineal descendant of Confucius, on October 23, a copy of which appeared in the *Eastern Times*.

Confirmation of the reported action of the National authorities was lacking as Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, who also is a member of the Sage's family, is still in Nanking.

Mr. Kung Teh Cheng, in his telegram says:

"The honorary title of 'Yen Sheng Kung' conferred upon the direct descendants of Confucius, has been voluntarily abolished by the writer. The famous Confucian forest in Shantung, the well-known Confucian temple, the Confucian library, the agricultural lands and other properties which the possessor of the title holds were all left by Confucius and, my other ancestors and all have been in existence for more than 2,000 years.

Inheritance Rights.

"In 1927, Mr. Kung Lin Yih, of the 76th generation of Confucius's family, passed away and since then I, Kung Teh Cheng, the 77th direct lineal descendant, have taken over the inheritance rights of the family and possession of the properties left by Confucius and other ancestors.

"Quiet unexpectedly, Tsai Yuan Pei, a member of the National Government, who hopes to confiscate these private properties of my ancestors and mine, made a proposal to the National Government asking that my properties should be illegally disposed of."

"Inheritance rights have been given to me by God and, according to law, I am privileged to enjoy such rights just as do members of other families in China. Why should the Confucian family be an exception?"

Kuomintang Agitation.

"For these reasons, I strongly oppose the proposed confiscation of my properties and those of my ancestors and I wish to lodge a most vigorous protest against it. I earnestly request the National Government to reject Tsai Yuan Pei's plan so that the rights of the people may be protected and that justice may be upheld."

It is not known by whom the honorary title of Yen Sheng Kung was conferred, but it is presumed that this was granted hundreds of years ago and that the title has become an hereditary one because it evidently has been used by Mr. Kung Teh Cheng's predecessors for years.

Though no reasons are given as to why Mr. Kung Teh Cheng voluntarily relinquished the title, it is believed that he took such action because China is no longer an empire and because members of the Kuomintang are strongly opposed to the use of titles conferred upon their fellow-countrymen by former Imperial rulers and they (the Kuomintang) are agitating for their abolition.

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ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,
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November 10, 1929.

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Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m.

Holy Communion at Peak Church at 9 a.m.

Military Service at 9.30 a.m.

Children's Service at 10 a.m.

Sunday School at Peak School at 10 a.m.

Matins at 11 a.m.

Prayer—Rev. E. V. Koop.

Evening at 6 p.m.

Prayer—The Dean.

ARMISTICE DAY, Monday, November 11, 1929.

Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m.

Official Commemoration Service at 9.45 a.m.

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Subject—ADAM AND FALLING MAN.

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HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Mrs. White: "I hear your son has been in Italy for some time."

Mrs. Brown: "Oh, yes! He's become quite Italianised, too."

"What is war strategy?"

"It is accidentally making a good move which everybody else believes to have been made on purpose."

"That's General Blank and his daughter over there, isn't it?"

"Yes. They say she has been through more engagements than her father."

"Hasn't your husband had any treatment for this deafness?"

"Not yet. You see, he's waiting until the children have finished their piano lessons."

The budding musician was seeking for compliments. "I should greatly value your opinion of my compositions," he said to a writer on musical topics.

"Probably they will be played long after the masters are all forgotten," was the reply.

"You think so?" the young man asked eagerly.

"Yes; but certainly not before."

"I wish, Susan," said a fond mother to her new nursemaid, "that you would use a thermometer to ascertain if the water is the right temperature when you give the baby his bath."

"Oh," replied Susan cheerfully, "don't worry about that. I don't need any thermometer. If the little 'un turns red, the water is too hot; if he turns blue, it's too cold; and there you are."

Betty, taken to the country for the week-end, had been having a run round the village. A passing glimpse of the blacksmith's shop filled her with wonder. "Daddy," she said later, "I've just seen a man who makes horses!"

"Nonsense," said daddy, "you've made a mistake."

"No, I haven't," she persisted. "I saw him. He had one nearly finished. He was just nailing on its back feet."

Heavy Stranger (returning to his seat after interval): "Did I tread on your toes as I went out?"

Seated Man: "You did, sir."

Heavy Stranger (to wife): "That's right. Matilda; this is our place."

During some blasting operations in a quarry, a man was blown into the air, happily without serious results.

The foreman having impressed upon the man the importance of keeping at a reasonable distance during the operations, the matter was dropped, apparently for ever.

It was, however, revived unexpectedly on payday, when the foreman handed the man 44s. 11d. instead of the usual 45s.

The latter inquiring the reason, he was startled when the foreman replied: "That's a ha'penny off for 't' time you were up in the air last Wednesday."

A wealthy Jew who had big dealings with firms in China and Japan heard one day that a prominent firm in Tokyo had failed. The name of the firm was not mentioned, and he thought of cabling out for news. In order to save expense he interviewed his banker, who had received the news, and asked him to reveal the name of the firm.

"I am sorry I cannot give you the name of the firm," said the banker, "as the cable is not authenticated, and if I did give you the name I might incur some responsibility."

The Jew argued, but the banker held his ground. Ultimately the Jew made this proposal: "Here is a list of ten firms in Tokyo which you might look over, and without mentioning any name, you might tell me whether or not the name of the firm appears on it."

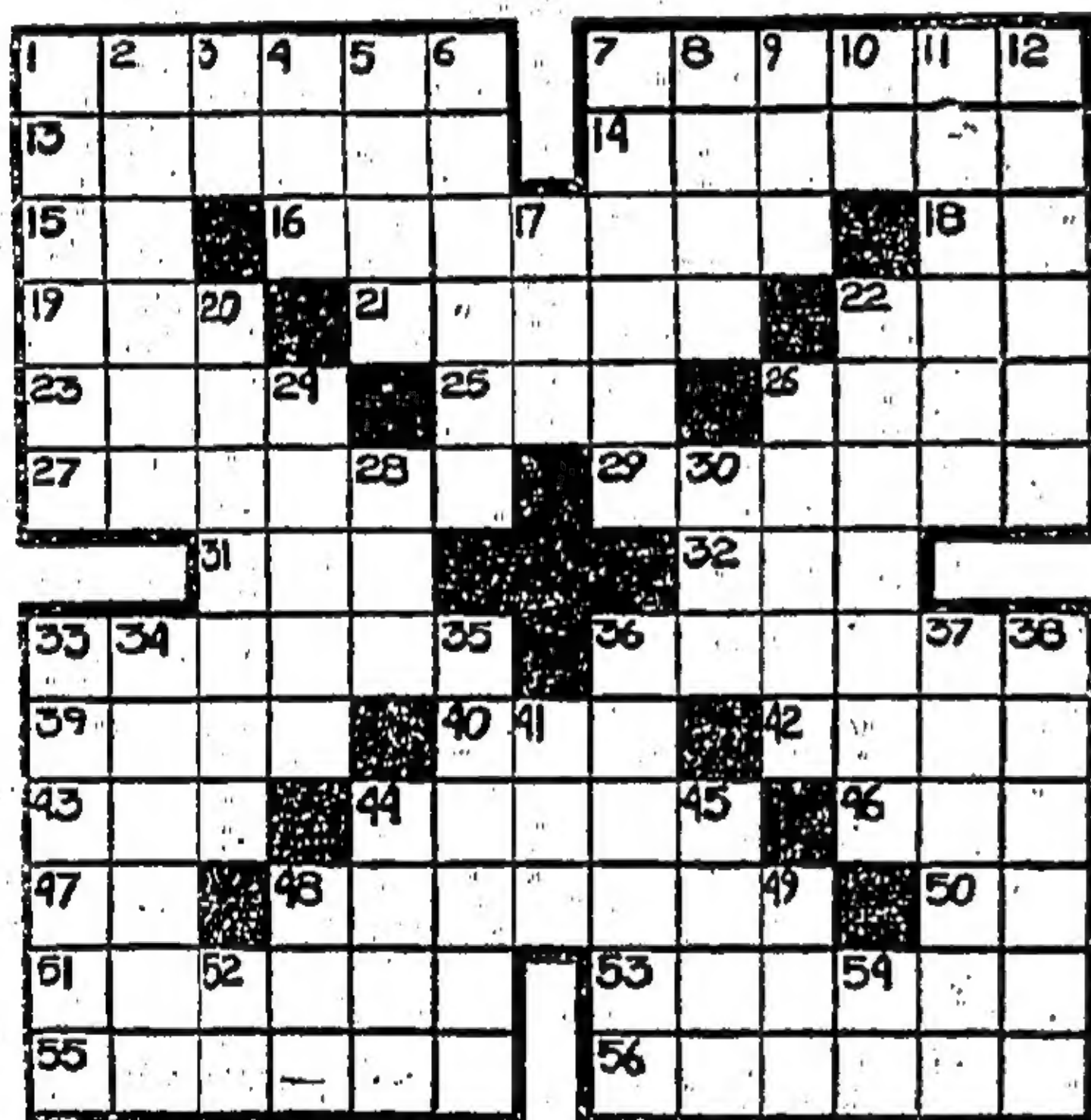
The banker scanned the list, and then replied, "The name of the firm is on the list."

"Then I have lost heavily," replied the Jew, pointing to a name on the list.

"But how do you know that is the firm which has failed?" asked the banker in surprise.

"Quite easily," replied the Jew. "There is only one genuine name on the list; the other nine are fictitious."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



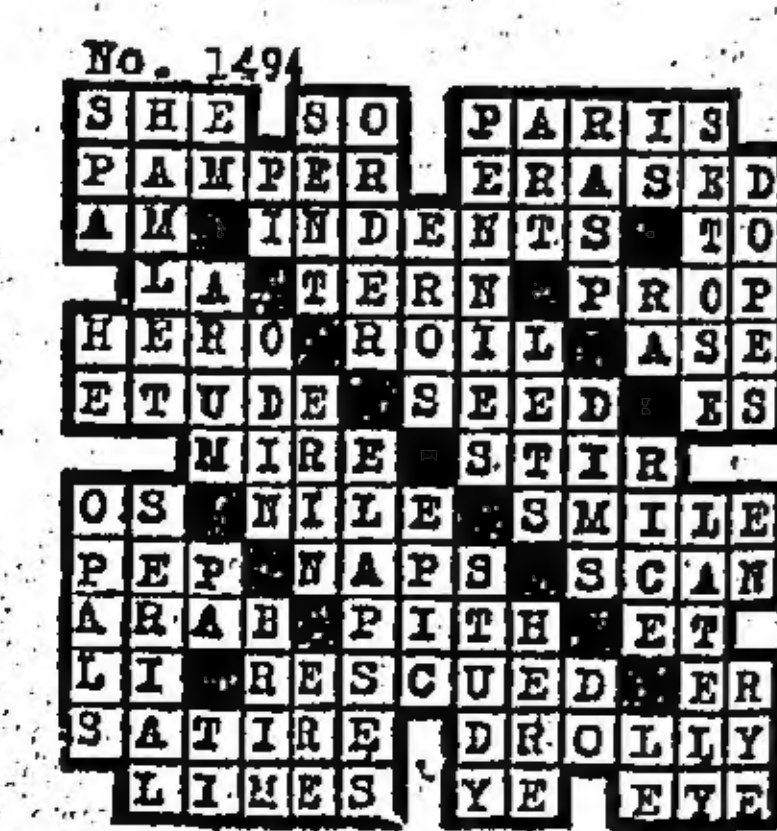
Horizontal.

- 1.—A large desert.
- 7.—Apartments for wives.
- 12.—Enclosed.
- 14.—Has sprung up.
- 15.—Above.
- 16.—Dedicated.
- 18.—Part of infinitive.
- 19.—Complete collection.
- 21.—Depression.
- 22.—Through.
- 23.—Organs of head.
- 25.—Born.
- 26.—Plum like fruit.
- 27.—Most arid.
- 29.—Those who make rates.
- 31.—Vegetable.
- 32.—Meadow.
- 33.—Packs away.
- 34.—Cheered up.
- 35.—Small children.
- 40.—To possess.
- 42.—Simple.
- 43.—Worm.
- 46.—Burdens.
- 47.—While.
- 48.—Pipe for wires.
- 50.—Prefix; across.
- 51.—Girls, name.
- 52.—Revised.
- 53.—Not so with.
- 54.—To determine.

Vertical.

- 1.—Inherited (slang).
- 2.—To come into sight.
- 3.—Pronoun.
- 4.—Conjunction.
- 5.—Tall grass.
- 6.—Coming.
- 7.—Dealer in head coverings.
- 8.—War god.
- 9.—To free.
- 10.—Plural ending.
- 11.—Shooting star.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



DIFFICULT DECISIONS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



TRYING TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND, ON YOUR WAY TO DANCING SCHOOL, WHETHER YOU COULD TAKE PART IN JUST ONE SCRYMAGE WITHOUT SERIOUS DAMAGE TO YOUR APPEARANCE

SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

AT THE RING.

Three fifteen-rounders were staged at The Ring, and the one in which Eddie Pinn defeated Sammy King in the fourteenth round produced more holding than hitting during the earlier rounds. Pinn dropped his man with a clean hit to the jaw early in the fourteenth. King was on his knees at the count of five, but refused to rise, because Pinn stood over him. As Pinn did not stop back the count went on, and King lost by what will be recorded against him as a k.o.

The bout between Gunner, Clements and P.O. Firth was a travesty of boxing. It was a scramble from start to finish, and Firth won because he had done the majority of the forcing.

Arthur Boddington and Jimmy Clark gave a better display. Clark used a nice straight left, and an occasional right cross, while Boddington attacked with swinging blows with much success.

An overarm right put Clark down in the sixth round for nine. He struggled gamely, but though the better boxer, he could not stop his opponent's unceasing attacks, and Boddington received the decision.

CHESHIRE WIN THROUGH.

Cheshire defeated the Eastern Counties (who made several team changes) by one goal, three tries (fourteen points) to one dropped goal, two tries (ten points), at Birkenhead.

Play was not very bright in the first half, during which Sever scored two tries for Cheshire, Holland converting one, while Kendrell and Taylor crossed for the Eastern Counties.

Cheshire dropped a goal for the Eastern Counties in the second half, and the visitors held the lead until Green scored two converted tries for Cheshire.

CAMPOLO'S COMPLAINT.

Vittorio Campolo alleges that his manager as well as Phil Scott, treated him badly. The Argentinian has laid his case before the Boxing Commission. He complains that his manager has offered him only £2 out of the purse of £1,883 received for the fight, "expenses" having eaten up the remainder.

Among other allegations Campolo makes, is that on the afternoon of his match with Scott an unfit gas-jet was turned on in his room, causing him to have a severe attack of nausea.

LIZARDS LOSE AT BEDFORD.

Bedford School won their home match with the Lizards scoring one goal three tries (14 points) to one goal (3 points).

W. E. Sutter, the School captain, began the scoring with an unconverted try, after a good run by O. L. Pearson, and this lead was increased when L. S. Pantan crossed for Pearson to add the points. F. Burleigh scored another unconverted try for the School, and R. W. of the Lizards, obtained a try, from which R. Eidsforth kicked a goal. Before the end W. Pearson scored another try for the School.

CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL.

Cardiff High School has a reputation for playing the best class Rugby, and, owing to the difficulty of finding opponents of equal strength among the Welsh schools, matches have been arranged in England. Three of their old scholars obtained "blues" last season, John Roberts and H. M. Bowcott for Cambridge, and "Bill" Robor for Oxford, and all three played for their country in the same season.

MAINLY FOR THE MEN.

Relating blood curdling stories of persons being buried or cremated alive, the Society for the Prevention of Premature Burial has started an active campaign in Great Britain for the construction of a mortuary chapel where bodies can be placed until there is no further doubt of their capability to remain longer on this earth. Mr. Maxwell Johnson, Secretary of S.P.P.B., said there was such a mortuary in Munich. Attached to each body under suspicion is an electric cord which rings a bell at the slightest movement. Attendees are on duty day and night to listen for the life-giving bell. "Amazing precautions," said Mr. Johnson, "are sometimes taken by people to make sure that they will not be buried alive. They have ordered that a stiletto shall be thrust through them, a vein severed, or that they shall be decapitated and their body buried at sea. A Russian nobleman invented an electric switch for corpses. If this was touched by the corpse it lighted a red lamp, rang a bell and waved a flag in the cemetery above."

The story of a domestic servant named Annie Green who was hanged in 1850. Fourteen hours later she revived, was pardoned, later married and had three children.

Mr. William Robinson, of Truman-street, Nottingham, is immune from the taint of "race suicide." He recently registered the birth of his thirtieth child. Mr. Robinson is sixty-one years of age. He had twenty-four children by his first wife, and his second has presented him with six. The whole thirty included only one set of twins. Mr. Robinson was formerly

a builder's labourer. He has done no work, however, since 1919, having contracted a chronic disability from being gassed during the war.

"Without the help of my wife I could never have achieved my task." In these gallant words, spoken with the most obvious sincerity, Mr. Snowden summed up his work at The Hague. Mrs. Snowden has received and deserved many compliments in her life, but none that she has ever prized so highly as this one. It must have touched her not only as a woman possessed of that rarest of feminine gifts—a first-rate political intelligence—but also, and much more closely, as a wife. Most men, if they were equally frank and generous, would pay a similar tribute to their wives. Run over the list of your friends who have made a success in life, and you will hardly find one of them added with a wife who, if she had been a man, would not have done as well as, or better than, her husband. Whatever his job, a man who has behind him a woman of discernment and sympathy tackles it with a redoubled keenness, tenacity and efficiency.

The Prince of Wales seems determined to keep and strengthen his recent title as the "Flying Prince." A few days after his purchase of old Fort Belvedere, a fine old country estate near Sunningdale, the Prince ordered that a private flying field be prepared for him at Windsor Great Park, some five minutes from his country retreat. This, combined with the fact that the Prince recently revealed he had handled the controls of an airplane while it was in flight, has given rise to speculations whether the Prince plans to do enough

flying at Sunningdale to make application for a pilot's license. The real reason for the private flying field, it is believed, is to allow the Prince to go back and forth from London to his country place without the loss of time. It will enable him to make Sunningdale a handy week-end, and even an overnight, resting place. The Prince, like Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, is a great air enthusiast, and chooses to travel by air whenever possible. Flying and golf are now his two chief recreations, inasmuch as he has given up riding and polo.

An oblique attack upon Shanghai's greyhound race tracks has been launched by Chinese authorities, who have long protested the existence of these gambling places but without effect upon foreign officials, by an order forbidding further importation of greyhounds into China. The greyhound courses are in the International Settlement and the French Concession and are therefore protected by extrajurisdiction. Many Chinese visit the tracks and lose money which their officials believe cannot well be spared. Enforcement of the new order, which comes from the National Government at Nanking, will be in the hands of the Maritime Customs. From time to time, racing dogs have been brought here from various foreign countries, particularly Australia. They are not bred here and the Chinese hope that if the supply is shut off it may in time have the effect of stopping the races for lack of racers. In support of the Legality of the Chinese move is cited Australia's recent action in banning import of Alsatians, because at times they went wild and killed sheep. No large shipments of greyhounds are on the way to Shanghai at present.



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VEILED WOMAN'S SIGN TO AN ENGLISHMAN.

Monte Carlo.—Mr. J. S. Carey, a much-tattooed Englishman, whose right arm bears a blue cobra with its head surmounted by the numeral seven, has just had a remarkable stroke of luck at the casino.

He was leaving the casino after having won a comparatively small sum at *trente-et-quarante* last night, when he saw in the anteroom a richly attired Oriental woman with features hidden by a thick white veil. She was alone, and seemed to be deeply engrossed in counting on the fingers. She then made a peculiar sign in the air with her finger, which appeared to Mr. Carey to be No. 7, his lucky numeral.

Number Seven.

The Englishman hurried to the ordinary gambling room, and, stopping at the roulette table, spread his *trente-et-quarante* winnings on No. 7 and on a few combinations in which that number appeared. Number 7 came up. He left all his stakes on the table and added to them until he had a possible maximum on every chance pertaining to No. 7. The ball was started spin-

ning once more, and again fell into No. 7.

The Englishman replaced the whole of his stakes, in spite of the warnings of his friends. Again his lucky seven came up, and again, making four times in succession, which is extremely rare here.

Mr. Carey tried the fifth coup, but this time No. 7 broke down. The Englishman, however, had won approximately £12,000, and he left the casino with the money.

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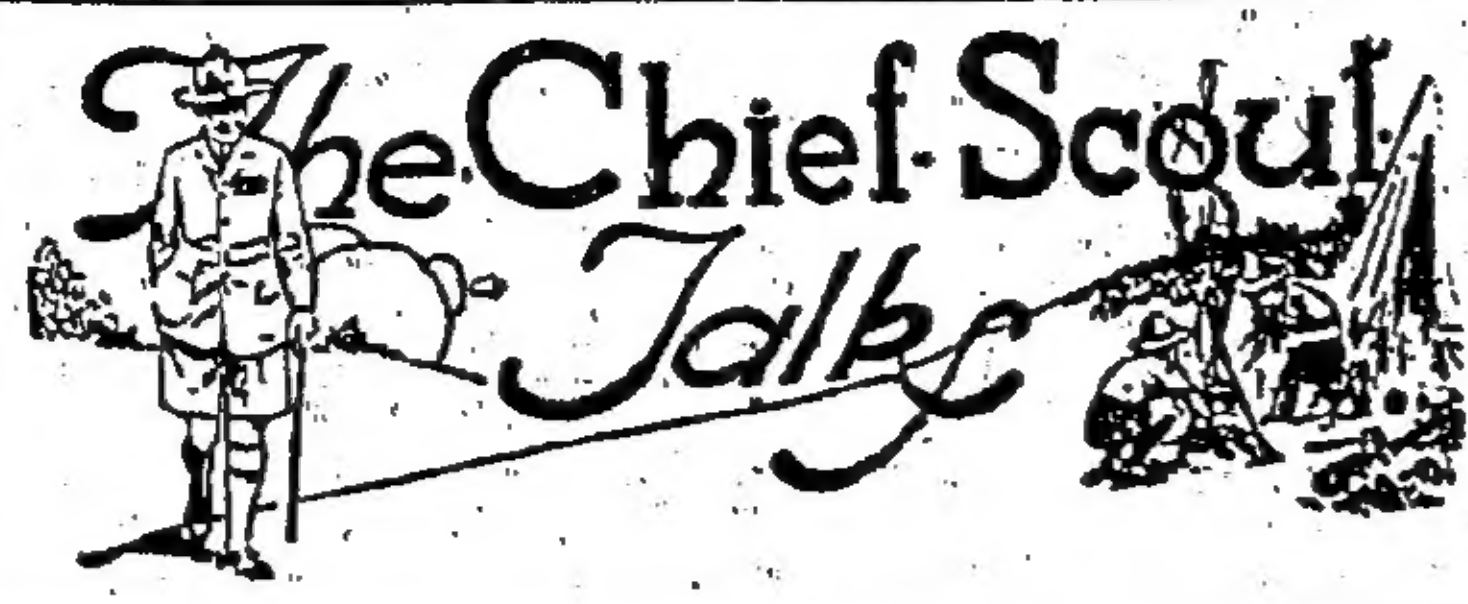
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HEMOCRAFT FOR SCOUTS.

HOW TO KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING.

(By Lieut.-General Lord Baden-Powell.)

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You remember the old story of the Brownies, the good little chaps who did useful work about the house before the other people were up! And you remember the Boggarts, the little retters who did nothing but run about and make a lot of noise and leave things untidy and dirty!

Well—Scouts don't want to be Boggarts. Their job is to be like the Brownies, and to be useful in their homes and helpful to other people.

In order to be a good Scout a fellow must know how to lay and light a fire—at home in a grate as well as in the open in camp.



A soldier carries a change of clothing, etc., in his pack on his back.

Before laying the fire you must first, of course, clean out the grate and get rid of the ashes of the old fire.

Many people waste a lot of good fuel by throwing away the cinders. You should pick out all the cinders and only throw away the powdered ashes. Cinders mixed with coal give a lot of extra heat to a fire and save money.

Here is a tip which I use for dividing the ashes from the cinders. If you haven't got a sieve use an old wire freguard. Shovel the whole of the ashes of the fire into it and let the ash run through to go into the dust-bin and keep the cinders that are left to go into the fire.

In laying your fire be very careful to do it in the right way; if you don't the fire won't light and you will have all the trouble of laying it over again.

Beginners generally put too much paper, too little wood, and too much coal on at first. You only want a

small amount to start with, especially of coal, because the weight of it squashes down the fire and chokes it.

A fire wants air to make it burn; therefore leave lots of air space in it by crinkling up the paper, leaving the sticks criss-cross on the top of this, and the coal lightly above them.

Folding Your Cloths.

The Scout has to "Be Prepared" to do his duty at any time of the day or night.

Sailors and soldiers, firemen and policemen, and other such men as have to be ready to turn out at any time of the night, always make a practice of putting their clothes neatly in place so that they can find them at once, even in the dark, and get into them quickly.

So Scouts and Wolf Cubs should do the same, and be careful to fold them and stack them in the order in which they want to put them on.

You should practice a few times slipping out of bed and into your clothes in the dark, and you will soon see how much more quickly you can do it if you have them all laid ready instead of having to hunt about for them in confusion. This quickness may some day be the means of saving life.

Then soldiers and sailors have to keep their clothes in very small space. A soldier, as you know, carries a change of clothing and all sorts of other things like brushes, razors, soap, etc., in his pack on his back. In order to get these things into such a small space every article has to be folded very neatly and very tightly, otherwise it will not fit in.

So if you are going on a camping tramp you will have to be able to fold and pack your things in the same way into a small parcel.

You cannot do this unless you are in the habit of always folding your things neatly; so you should practise this with your clothes in your own home. And it is good for the clothes. They keep in much better condition, and they look much better on you when they have been carefully kept in this way. Also, if you should be away from home, and want one or other of your things sent to you, you can tell other people exactly where to find them if you have everything in good order in your room.

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Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing, Fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead, Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high;
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

JOHN McGRATH

The foe is now poverty, disease, disablement—the bitter aftermath of war for so many of its direct and indirect victims. The Poppy Day fund stand as a barrier, stronger every year, between those who have no other help and the slough of deepest despair.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EXCHANGE PROBLEMS AGAIN.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—With the silver dollars passing freely side by side with our banknotes, and millions of dollars' worth of silver being minted in London and Bombay, our exchange rates still hang a considerable distance over parity, as shown by the fact that there are sellers of Shanghai taels today at 78-3/4. We are told that only the arrival of the new coinage and its injection into circulation can relieve the situation. It begins to look as though our troubles really had their origin in a shortage of the media of exchange, that is, banknotes, after all.

It is interesting to look back at earlier correspondence and consult the views expressed therein. In an account of an interview with the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes appearing in the S.C.M.P. for July 18, 1928, he is quoted as saying that there was no shortage of banknotes, as evidenced by the fact that he was offering to buy exchange for cash and sell for delivery up to next Chinese New Year at the same rate, with no takers. At the present moment, it is possible for a bank to buy Sterling at 1/8-3/8 for cash and sell for next June at 1/8-15/16. And this in spite of the fact that the situation has not changed materially since the time of the Hon. Mr. Hynes' interview.

It is true that there are heavy drawings from abroad by overseas Chinese, but the bulk of these drawings are simply for deposit in Hong Kong and do not affect the situation. The truth of the matter would seem to be that an artificial tightness of money has been created by our leading bankers, simply through their action in withdrawing entirely from the market and

ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

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thereby creating an uncertain atmosphere which is fatal to the smooth conduct of the operations of the Colony's businessmen who, with all the other things they have to contend with, may well cry out against the aversion of their bankers.

It is a question how much longer the merchants of the Colony intend to stand for the Government leaving the privilege of note-issue in private hands, when that privilege is used for the sole benefit of the holders.—Yours, etc.,

SQUEEZE.

[On enquiry being made "at the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank" we were informed that there is no shortage of banknotes. There is a general shortage of cash in the Colony, due to several causes, and recently Chinese and American depositors have been withdrawing large amounts. The Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank has not withdrawn from the market and is buying and selling as usual. Provided proper security was forthcoming the bank is as ready to advance money as ever it had been. As to the return to a silver basis, the Bank had not particularly wanted the change, but public opinion did. Now it had come there were cases of silver being refused, an entirely illegal act.]

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2.

Plague.
Tamatave: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Alexandria: 4 cases.
Baghdad: 1 case.
Cheribon: 1 case.
Cholera.
Calcutta: 50 cases, 11 deaths.
Tuticorin: 2 cases, 1 death.
Ponm Penh: 8 cases, 4 deaths.
Swatow: 5 deaths.
Small-pox.
Berbera: 10 cases, 5 deaths.
Aden: 1 case.
Bombay: 1 case, 1 death.
Calcutta: 3 cases, 2 deaths.
Cochin: 10 cases, 2 deaths.
Karachi: 1 case, 1 death.
Madras: 11 cases, 3 deaths.
Pondicherry: 1 death.
Batavia: 1 case.
Medan: 1 case.
Samarinda: 5 cases.

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RADIO ACTIVITY IN HONG KONG.

PROPOSED WIRELESS AND GRAMOPHONE EXHIBITION.

GREAT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF LISTENERS.

With only one member absent, the Hong Kong Broadcasting Committee met for their third meeting on Thursday evening in the Sanitary Board Room, Mr. N. L. Smith presiding. The other members present were:—The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, and Mr. L. H. King, Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, and Messrs. R. Sutherland, O.B.E., B. Wylie, Frank Austin, H. Lowcock, and Chan Heung Pak.

Of the several matters discussed at the meeting, which lasted nearly one hour and a half, the most important was a proposal submitted by Mr. Lowcock to hold a radio and gramophone exhibition some time next month. This proposal was enthusiastically received. Mr. Lowcock roughly outlined his scheme, which was to hold an exhibition in the City Hall on three successive days, commencing on a Thursday and ending with the last day of the first or third week in December.

Plans for Exhibition.

The main objects of the Exhibition are: first, to arouse interest in broadcasting in the Colony; and, secondly, to afford radio and gramophone dealers an opportunity to exhibit comprehensively radio sets, gramophones and records, and radio gear of all kinds which are obtainable in the Colony. In order to make the exhibition as attractive as possible, Mr. Lowcock proposed, that the third and concluding evening be devoted to a dance night, with prizes offered for the best and most original dresses, etc. As a flip to the Show, and also in order that radio amateurs might find an inducement for the display of their talent, a special prize will be given for the best exhibit of radio sets built by amateurs in the Colony. The price of admission to the Exhibition will be 30 cents only, and \$2 for the dance evening.

Mr. Lowcock has already been promised support by no less than sixteen intending exhibitors who are willing to put up \$100 each for space allotments for various articles for the Show. The City Hall will, it is hoped, be provided with a number of audition rooms so that each exhibitor may have a chance of demonstrating the special qualities of his sets.

Increasing Number of Licences.

The Broadcasting Committee's modest efforts at supplying occasional entertainments to the Colony with the kind assistance of local talent, and a daily commercial service are receiving encouraging support, as the following figures in respect of radio licences will show. The total number of licences issued up to the end of January last was 172; by November 3 they had increased to 545. The respective increases for each of the nine months from February to October inclusive are as follows:—31, 41, 41, 27, 31, 24, 27, and 60. For the first five days in November 27 new licences were issued, which is a convincing

indication of the interest that has been aroused by the activities of the Broadcasting Committee, who have been fortunate in being so well served by the Programme Secretary and by the ladies and gentlemen whose contributions to the concerts have been very highly appreciated.

Successful Concerts.
A feature of the Programme Secretary's review of the working of her department to date is the number of reports that had been received in connection with the various concerts broadcast from the Studio, the Portuguese concert being very well received.

The Chairman reported the purchase of Chinese instruments at the suggestion of Mr. Lowcock. The Committee was gratified to learn that the Chinese programmes were considered extremely good.

Radio for the Hospitals.
A letter of appreciation was read from the doctor in charge of the Matilda Hospital. The full text of this letter will be broadcast shortly.

It was announced that the Naval Hospital has been equipped and is all ready and prepared with 40 headphones and four loud-speakers for the patients in the hospital to listen in for the first time on November 9 (Poppy Day Appeal). It was also announced that twelve gentlemen had subscribed among themselves a sum of \$300, with which an excellent receiving-set has been installed in the Army and N.M.O.A., City Hall.

A suggestion was considered and approved by the meeting that a series of short talks be delivered by members of the clergy on Sunday evenings. These discourses will be limited to ten minutes for each speaker.

Arrangements will be made for full dance programmes to be broadcast once or twice a month from 8.30 p.m. to midnight during the winter season. The music for the first of these dance evenings will be supplied by the Lyric Orchestra.

Commercial and Shipping News.
The Chinese members reported that the daily commercial news is regularly received at Canton, Kowloon, Swatow, and Amoy. Mr. Chan Heung Pak, secretary of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, informed the meeting that the commercial items were greatly appreciated at the various places mentioned.

The Chairman announced the pleasing fact that for the past few days the approaching arrivals of all steamers of the C.P.R. and Dollar Lines; and also of English mail steamers had been broadcast from the Studio in the P. & O. Building. Similarly, all mail notices issued by the Post Office are being repeated daily by wireless. These innovations for the benefit of the shipping and mercantile communities cannot fail to be appreciated, and are yet another evidence of the earnest efforts, on the part of the Broadcasting Committee, to be of the greatest service to the community of Hong Kong with the limited resources at their command.



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*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row.*

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HONG KONG'S ARRANGEMENTS.

The poppies are made, as is generally known, in the British Legion factory at Richmond where 275 ex-Servicemen are employed. Statistics, dry as they are on the surface, hold interesting stories for those who care to read them. Here are a few figures relating to the supplies sent out from the Poppy Warehouse to England and overseas, for the 1928 Poppy Day: 31,237,328 poppies, 1,033,023 leaflets, 231,220 posters and 306,096 sprays of poppies for table decoration. 257,900 was the total of the sum realised last year for the fund.

Local Plans for Poppy Day.

Every effort is being made by the officials of the Hong Kong Poppy Day Sub-Committee of Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund, to better the good results of previous years. The organisation covers a wider scope and is more centralised than before, and there is every hope that a splendid sum well surpassing that of last year's £1,747.45 will result.

The arrangements are, in brief, that the Services, the Navy and Army, will carry out their own campaign, and the funds collected will be passed to the treasurer of the local Sub-Committee, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, for transmission home. The local organisations have obtained the poppies for the services. Hong Kong is divided into three sections, the Peak and Central districts, the Kowloon and New Territories, and the New Territories. The Peak and Central districts are under the organisation of Mrs. F. Syme Thomson; Happy Valley, under Mr. W. H. Edmonds of the Civil Services Cricket Club, and Quarry Bay by the Tai Koo Club under the organisation of Mr. Stewart Hope. Over fifty ladies have promised to sell poppies in the streets and all the main thoroughfares have been well covered.

In Kowloon, A Ship-to-Ship Visit.

Kowloon is under the general organisation of Mrs. J. H. Hunt. The Kowloon Dock district will be undertaken by Mrs. Cuthill, while the district from the Po Hing Theatre to Mongkok, including Prince Edward Road and Yaumatei, is under the organisation of Mr. A. F. Osmond.

A new departure in the harbour campaign which is being organised by Mr. C. M. Manners on behalf of Mrs. Hunt. At 7.45 a.m., five decorated launches provided by Mr. Manners, each of which will be under the charge of a European gentleman, and manned by a group of sailors, will set off from the harbour. This ship-to-ship canvassing will include the men-of-war and the river and Canton boats.

The Clubs.

The local Clubs are holding their usual auctions and a very special effort is being made to make these an even greater success than in previous years. Besides the printed posters sent out from Home, posters and pictures painted by local artists will be put up for auction. The Hong Kong Club auction will be held immediately after the ceremony at the Cenotaph while the Kowloon C.C. is holding an auction in the evening.

Over 30,000 poppies have been sent out from the Poppy Warehouse to Hong Kong this year, and besides these there are garlands for decorating motor cars, etc., which can be obtained from Mr. C. P. Marcel, the secretary of the Automobile Association. The local shops are making a grand display of Poppy Day posters and several of them have special window displays while an exhibition of posters will be on show at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's.

Functions Grave and Gay.

While every effort is being made that Armistice Day should be pre-eminently one of remembrance of the sacrifice of 1914-19, there is another spirit which manifested itself strongly on that first Armistice Day in 1918, one of rejoicing. The programme which has been arranged for Hong Kong includes both these aspects. The first gathering of those who do not "forget" will be in St. John's Cathedral at 9.45, when a special matins will be read. At 11 a.m. the two minutes' silence will be observed and a ceremony of prayers and the laying of wreaths take place at the Cenotaph.

A ceremony will also take place at the entrance to the Botanical Gardens. Here the Governor will lay a wreath and most of the leading members of the Chinese community will be present.

Then will follow the auction in the Hong Kong Club. A football match organised by the Hong Kong Football Association will be played on the H.K.F.C. ground at 4 p.m., the teams being the Services v. the Rest of the Colony. The Kowloon C.C. as mentioned above are holding an auction during the evening. An armistice dinner, organised jointly by the Ex-Active Service Men's Association and the British Legion will be given at Volunteer Headquarters at 8 p.m., while a special carnival dinner dance has been arranged for at Repulse Bay Hotel.

KOWLOON WEDDING.

COLLISON—HAST.

A pretty wedding was celebrated yesterday afternoon at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, between Miss Lily Mabel Collison and Mr. Victor Mayer Hast.

The Rev. C. B. Shann officiated. Both bride and groom are well known locally and are popular members of the younger set in Kowloon. The bride is the eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs. A. M. Collison of Portsmouth, England, and the groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hast of 4, Cox's Path, Kowloon. He is a keen playing member of the Kowloon F.C. and an old boy of the Central British School.

The bride looked charming in her gown of white georgette and lace, her veil being held in place by a wreath of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of white roses and maidenhair fern.

Miss Elsie Bell, the bridesmaid, wore a blue georgette dress with a grey hat and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. Petherick, sister of the bridegroom, was mistress of honour and wore a dress of blue silk with a black hat.

Mr. Holloway gave the bride away, and Mr. G. Panchon was "best man". The reception was held in the house of Mr. and Mrs. Petherick, where the usual toasts were honoured.

The bride's travelling dress was of rose beige with hat and shoes to match. The honeymoon will be spent at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

AN "IRONSIDE" SUCCESS.

RUMOURED FALL OF KWEILIN.

CHANG FAT FUI'S "IMPUDENT MESSAGE."

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Nov. 8.

Telegrams from Kwangsi state that I Ning, an important strategic point a little to the North of Kweilin, has been captured by the "Ironside." A stern resistance was made by General Yang Teng Fai's forces, who suffered, and inflicted, severe losses before falling back on the main body of Chen Tsai Tong's forces in Kweilin.

The "Ironside" did not follow up their success but were content to consolidate their hold upon I Ning. The loss of I Ning is viewed with some alarm at Military Headquarters as it formed an important outpost of the defences of Kweilin, and opens up the way for an attack upon that very important position. More Kwangtung troops are being hurried up the Wei River and more fighting is expected at any time.

A special flotilla consisting of the gunboats Chap Hsin, Chung Yuan, Kong Tai, Ping Nam and Chih Yau has been formed and sent to Wuchow to co-operate with the land forces.

THREAT TO "IRONSIDE" REAR.

Military Headquarters have also received a wire from General Ho Chien stating that his troops are advancing against the "Ironside" and hope to cut their communications, and menace their rear. Ho Chien's troops failed to arrest the "Ironside" advance, but if the Hunanese Army can be got to fight it may now prove an important factor in the campaign and complete an encircling of Chang Fat Fui's forces.

KWANGSI "REBELS" RECOVERING?

On the other hand a diversion, likely to be embarrassing to the Canton forces is threatened from the West of Wuchow. Owing to the withdrawal of the pro-Nanking troops the defeated rebels under Ya Tsok Pak and Li Ming Shui are said to be rallying from their hiding places, and already several thousand fairly well-equipped men are rumoured to be marching upon Nanning and Mong Kiang, and working in collaboration with the "Ironside." Possibly they may strike north to take part in the attack on Kweilin. General Wong Kuen, has been sent against them with the 15th Division.

CHANG FAT FUI'S "MESSAGE."

In spite of strenuous denials from official circles, Canton is flooded with rumours about dissensions among the defending generals. One report is that Kweilin was occupied by the "Ironside" several days ago and that Yang Teng Fai, so far from putting up a good fight at I Ning, let the "Ironside" occupy Kweilin itself without resistance. The fall of Kweilin is officially denied, and there the matter stands.

There is also a curious story about a "sarcasm letter" from Chang Fat Fui to Chen Ming Shu and Chen Tsai Tong, announcing that he has arrived in Kweilin and would like to meet them there. The message is said to be as follows:—

"I have been in Kweilin for some time. What changes have taken place since I was last there some years ago! Everything is so picturesque and pleasant that I should like to meet you two gentlemen here. It matters not if you bring with you 10,000 Cantonese attendants. I shall be glad to welcome them also."

"It is to be deplored that Kwangtung has been for several years the theatre of warfare. The people have suffered terribly and I hope the people of Kwangtung will be spared similar suffering this time. Your arrival in Kweilin to settle the dispute, beyond the boundaries of Kwangtung would be heartily welcome."

IN CANTON

Whatever Chang Fat Fui may think about himself and his "mission," Canton's opinion of him is unequivocal. "If the 'Ironside' take Canton it means ruin to us merchants," said a prominent Cantonese to the writer. "They were here in 1927, and we had enough of them then. The present uncertainty is causing a big loss to trade, and we know what to expect if the city is taken."

Though Canton is quiet there is an air of nervousness especially in business circles.

"CONVERSION" BUT NOT FRAUDULENT.

JUNIOR PARTNER AND HIS SALARY.

PROSECUTION FAILS.

Before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at Central Magistracy yesterday Lai Tse Kong of the New Peace Trading Company, appeared as defendant to a charge brought against him by the Company for fraudulent conversion of \$145 entrusted to him to pay to the American Express Company.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared for the manager of the New Peace Trading Company and Mr. E. C. S. Brooks represented the defendant.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Rendall said that the complainant was the managing partner of the New Peace Trading Company which had been in existence since the beginning of August. It was a preliminary to a registered company which was to be formed in the coming year, with a capital of \$30,000 of which the complainant was to own about \$2,000 worth of shares and the defendant was supposed to contribute a similar amount towards the capital.

Up to the present the complainant had put in about \$1,800 and the defendant \$150. There was a third man who had put in \$100. They were doing business with certain firms in Germany, one of which were Messrs. Martin Schroder, for whom several letters of credit had been opened prior to September 24.

On that date the defendant asked the complainant to sign a cheque for \$145, which he said was for the purpose of establishing a letter of credit for Schroder's. Complainant signed a cash cheque which was taken to the bank by defendant, who returned later to tell the complainant that the receipt for the money would be sent in by the bank (The American Express) in a fortnight's time.

At the end of a fortnight, the receipt did not come from the bank and defendant was asked to explain. He is then alleged to have said that the bank would send it along in the next day or so. When the receipt still failed to arrive at the end of the ten days, the manager of the firm made inquiries from the comptroller of the American Express Company and learned that no letter of credit had been opened and that the cheque for \$145 had been drawn in cash.

The complainant then questioned the defendant, who admitted that he had used the money for his own purpose. Mr. Brooks suggested that if it was admitted by Mr. Rendall that the defendant was a partner, then there was no case to answer. A man could not fraudulently convert his own cheque.

The Magistrate held that there was a case to answer as the cheque in the present instance was given to the defendant for a specific purpose.

The Delayed Receipt.

The complainant, cross-examined by Mr. Brooks said that the defendant was not employed by the firm and received no salary, but he was given \$10 a month for rickshaw allowance. Defendant's salary was supposed to start from January 1 next year. The firm made no profit at all and in fact showed a loss.

The import department was in defendant's charge but witness disagreed with Mr. Brooks that defendant was supposed to get \$40 a month for his work. Defendant had never asked to withdraw from the partnership.

Mr. Brooks asked witness how he could believe that a firm like the American Express would keep anyone waiting two weeks for a receipt. Witness replied that he believed the defendant entirely. Mr. Brooks suggested that the story was invented to explain the delay of one month between the cashing of the cheque and the arrest.

After the prosecution had called two witnesses to say that the defendant had confessed that he had used the money for his own purpose, the defendant went into the witness box.

Defendant's Version.

He said he was supposed to get \$40 a month, but he was not paid his salary by the complainant. He had, on many occasions, asked for the return of his capital, but had not been able to get it. On September 24 a cheque for \$145 was made out in the morning for the purpose of opening credit for the German firm, but later that day witness asked complainant to return him his share of the capital and, said defendant, the complainant told him to keep the cheque for \$145. The counterfoil of the cheque was, however, not altered.

A director and shareholder of the Ping On Insurance Company giving evidence of character, said that he had known defendant for some time as a clerk in his office. The man had given every satisfaction. Witness also knew the defendant's father, who owned a big business in Hong Kong.

Mr. Brooks in his final address to the Bench drew his Worship's attention to the fact that before committing a young man of good family like the defendant, his Worship should be satisfied that the defendant was discharged.

CHINA'S TROUBLE-MAKER REPENTS?

CORRECT SENTIMENTS FROM WANG CHING WEI.

DENUNCIATION OF COMMUNISTS.

"How to Build Up Democratic Strength" is the title of a "declaration" recently issued, according to the vernacular Press, by Mr. Wang Ching Wei, the leader of the Left Wing of the Kuomintang, to branches of the Kuomintang throughout China. Among other things this declaration states that "Members of the China Communist Party represent the most evil influence in China. Their policy is one of murder and recidivism identical with that of the followers of these notorious bandits Huang Chao, Chao Hsueh Chuang and Li Chih Cheng. It is not in accord with that of communists in other countries and the adherents of this party are in reality bandits and should be treated as such. Their brutal actions are discrediting communism as a science of society."

Later Mr. Wang says "The Party is not superior to the people, and members of any party should not consider themselves to be of class apart, but should work among the people and instruct them."

In conclusion he states that "Class hatred is the surest method of breaking the strength of a nation. If the labourers overthrow the employers, the shop assistants their proprietors and the farmers their landlords the result will be ruin for all. Such senseless conflicts benefit none but the vagabonds and the idle and will reduce the strength of the People's Revolution to naught. At first they fight against each other, but on the end they will all perish together."

This "declaration" has aroused widespread interest. Wang Ching Wei has been looked on as the leader and hope of the extremists, and such a declaration from him comes in the nature of a bombshell. Since the defection of Chang Fat Fui's "Ironside" and Feng Yu Hsiang's Kuomintang, a great interest has been taken in the activities of Wang Ching Wei. Reports as to his present whereabouts are conflicting. While some state that he is still in Paris, others allege that he has returned to China. The most reliable accounts state, however, that he is still in Europe.

AIR MISHAP AT WUCHOW.

The aeroplane "Golden Steed" which crashed the other day in Wuchow when taking off, is being brought back to Canton for repairs. The Canton Aviation Company have sent Mr. Hu Tsung Wu to superintend the transport of the damaged machine. Both wings and the propeller are injured, and the pilot, Captain Lin Pooi Tsun, hurt his shoulder.

SICKNESS IN NORTHERN KWANGTUNG.

Lokchang and Pinghek, in northern Kwangtung, are being swept by a devastating epidemic, due, it is believed, to the prolonged drought of the last few months. Despite the fact that the local authorities are taking, for China, very drastic action to stop the spread of the disease, doctors, medicine shops and coffin makers are all finding plenty of custom. Many of the better off families have removed to Shikwan and other places to avoid contagion.

NO MORE WITCHCRAFT.

CANTON'S 800 MAGIC MONGERS.

According to the statistics compiled by the Bureau of Social Reform in Canton, fortune-tellers, astrologers and sorcerers in the city number over eight hundred. They have been instructed by the Government to "close down" from January 1 next but no one expects that they will do so.

No Element of Fraud.

His Worship after reviewing the evidence on both sides said that he felt that the complainant's story was more acceptable than the defendant's and he accordingly accepted the complainant's version. But, on the other hand, he said, the defendant was a very small partner in the firm and the Magistrate could not believe that he would give his time to the firm for no salary. Obviously when he kept the money, he was under the impression that he had a right to it. The defendant was wrong in that view and the act amounted to conversion, but not to fraudulent conversion. It was up to the prosecution to prove that there was the element of fraud and it was his Worship's opinion that that was not proved. The defendant was discharged.

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Hong Kong, 8th Nov., 1929. [8607]

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ARMISTICE DAY.
11th NOVEMBER, 1929.

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T. H. KING,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hong Kong, 9th November, 1929. [8610]

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Hong Kong, 7th Nov., 1929. [8606]

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INTIMATIONS.

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Hong Kong, 8th Nov., 1929. [8594]

ARMISTICE DAY DINNER.

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HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held in the JOCKEY CLUB ROOM, HONG KONG CITY ANNEX, on MONDAY, 11th NOVEMBER, 1929, at 5.15 P.M.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 1st Nov., 1929. [8677]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 12th DAY of NOVEMBER, 1929, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of the Lands, THE KING, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.30 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone remains stationary over China and fresh monsoon will continue along the Coast and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

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LUNACY AND THE LAW.

"If you commit murder in England the police and the Judge will be very polite, but they will certainly hang you," wrote a Frenchman in a certain "Hints on Visiting England," which made an entertaining column in an English periodical. It is, in fact, a common complaint, both by foreigners and by British persons of superior intellect, like Mr. JOHN GALSWORTHY, O.M., that British Criminal Courts are unimaginative and wooden when dealing with crime. Some years ago a gentleman from Lisbon was convicted in London and duly hanged for murder. The Press of his country, however, expressed a national outcry against "cold-blooded" British justice, which culminated in keeping a man for some three weeks under sentence of death. It was argued that if the man had been executed an hour after conviction, and in public; instead of in the dead depressing secrecy of the prison, it would not have seemed so inhumane. But the fact remains that the British mind views the taking of life with peculiar abhorrence, and sees no reason either to deal lightly with the murderer or to spare his feelings. "I am not in favour of the abolition of capital punishment," wrote the late Mr. Justice HAWKINS, whom no less an authority than Lord OXFORD described as an humane Judge, "my sympathies are with the victim and the persons bereaved by the crime." Nor does the plea that hanging is no deterrent carry much weight. "Prison walls do not frighten many men, but JACK KETCH does," is a truer expression of the facts. While small and well-ordered States like Sweden have been able to abolish capital punishment, Italy and France have restored it, and an attempt in the United States to let the death penalty lapse for women was followed by a series of female crimes, sharply checked by Governor SMITH's stern decision in the case of RUTH SNYDER.

English jurisprudence frowns equally heavily upon the "unwritten law," often pleaded with great success both in France and America. In a few cases the amazing advocacy of the late Sir EDWARD MARSHALL HALL secured acquittals for men and women who had taken revenge in "crimes passionnels," but nominally on the ground that the affair had been an accident. Nor does English law appear ready with concessions in the matter of insanity. In cases where the facts are not in dispute the defence generally puts forward a plea of insanity on the ground that normal people do not commit murders either under sudden impulse or with only the clumsiest attempt at concealment.

In a surprising number of cases the defence can produce witnesses to say that in the shop, factory, or mess the prisoner was known as "the looney" and was generally considered "mad." A doctor or two will generally endorse that view, but the defence is then demolished by the prison doctor who declares that according to the more drastic definition of legal madness the prisoner is perfectly sane. He might be "odd," but he understood what it was to kill, and that he was doing a criminal act. British law makes no allowances for the person who is "a bit touched." Too many of us are in that condition!

In this Colony, not long ago, a sandal-wood worker had a small money dispute with his guild, and was told that he would be expelled. In revenge he murdered one of his "persecutors," made no attempt to escape, firmly pleaded guilty at his trial, and expressed a curious wish to be hanged. He suffered that fate not long ago, but his actions were probably abnormal enough to have secured him "certification" had his crime been frustrated. Legally, however, he was a responsible being. A case not altogether dissimilar was heard at the last criminal sessions. An immigrant from Fokien, having some small grievances against his fellow lodgers at a boarding-house, cut the throat of one of his "enemies," walked to his cubicle, made a tentative effort at suicide, and then put the razor in a sack. At the prison hospital he was classified as a clear case of "general paralysis of the insane" (G.P.I.). Disease had destroyed the frontal lobes of the brain, which fulfil the higher functions of memory, reasoning and observation, and in less than four years the disease would have proved fatal, after progressively destroying the mental faculties. The medical evidence went even further, and said that there must—as far as one could judge the workings of another mind—be moments when the prisoner would not know the nature of his act.

In the five classified forms of mania, homicidal outbreaks—when all control is lost—are liable to occur. The prosecution elicited that such outbreaks are rare in the melancholic madness from which the prisoner suffered, but Dr. CANNON, the medical expert in question, was emphatic that the case was a homicidal mania. "Was the prisoner in a state of homicidal mania at the time of the crime?" He approached the prisoner stealthily, and after the deed, he made some attempt at concealing the razor. He was labouring under the idea that a fellow lodger had taken his ticket. Did he know what he was doing, or did he cut the throat of his victim as a boy flicks off the head of a thistle, or as a tiny child flings a missile saying "I kill you," but not knowing the nature of death?

Despite a somewhat severe summing-up, the jury found the prisoner "guilty, but insane." The Chief Justice, who tried the case, probably knew that the jury would take this course and that in any case a reprieve would be granted. It is well, therefore, to reiterate that no minor degree of insanity will suffice to elude British justice. But hanging of a madman is to most of us almost as abhorrent as the execution of a child. No one knows the strange vision and imaginings, the perplexities, the lapses in memory, which haunt the insane. It is possible that those dwelling on the borderline of madness may wake after brooding and talking of some crime, to find that in a blankness of the conscious life the deed has been committed. They recall it as a dream, and it may have been accomplished with deliberate cunning that gives no suggestion of loosened control and the automatic action which is recognised by psychology but not by law. The law is wise to tread warily in accepting theories based upon insufficient data and likely to be disproved by further experiment; and yet there is a danger of turning a deaf ear to new knowledge and punishing, with the utmost rigour, persons no more responsible than a cat which runs amok because the driver has lost the faculties upon which its safe control depended.

News and Views.

One Chinese case of small-pox was reported on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. LAUDER and Miss LAUDER were among the passengers arriving here yesterday by the ss. Macedonia.

The total output of the Kailash Mining Administration's mines for the week ending October 26 amounted to 105,415 tons, and the sales during the period to 95,000 tons.

Mr. G. S. MOSS, O.B.E., H.B.M. Consul-General in Canton, and Mrs. MOSS will be spending the week end in Hong Kong with His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi.

Persons arriving by car to attend the ceremony at the Cenotaph next Monday must proceed via Des Voeux Road to Statue Square, where they must alight, proceeding to the Cenotaph on foot.

The officers in Canton of the Maritime and Native Customs will be closed to public business, and the shipment and discharge of cargo suspended, on Tuesday, November 12, the birthday of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

Another excellent performance was given by the Ruth Van Valey Company at the Star Theatre last night. There was a very good audience and the artists were warmly applauded all through. There are to be two performances on Sunday one at 5.15—a special children's programme—and the other at 9.15.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Robert Emmet Farrell, of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., and Miss Carolina Patterson, of Aduma 23, Cadiz, Spain.

We learn that arrangements have been made whereby a wreath from representatives of the Merchant Navy will be laid at the Cenotaph next Monday. This wreath will be deposited immediately after that from the Royal Air Force.

The Commissioners for the Re-organization of Shanghai Commercial Organizations have ordered the various pawn shops of the International Settlement to register immediately with the Greater Shanghai Bureau of Social Affairs.

Professor Simpson is to lecture on the plays of John Galsworthy under the auspices of the Arts Association of the Hong Kong University, in the Union Assembly Room, at 8.30 p.m. on the 14th instant. All interested are invited.

Mr. William Popjay, a retired Sunderland publican, aged ninety-one, recently enjoyed his first ride in a motor vehicle. He was required as a witness at the police court and made the journey from his home to the court in a police motor-cycle combination.

Circulars of a communistic nature were distributed among the students of the Sacred Heart College, Nathan Road, by a Chinese youth at twelve o'clock yesterday when the boys were leaving the school. The papers were promptly confiscated by the police.

Nearly 125 children from the famine stricken districts were taken to Shanghai on board the C.M.S. Hainan by the Red Cross Society from Tientsin. They will be cared for by that organization and later will be distributed among families prepared to adopt them.

The Shanghai District Magistrate has received orders from the Kiangsu Provincial authorities to remove all unburied coffins which are found in vacant spots and to bury or burn them. The Magistrate likewise has been ordered to lay out a public cemetery in the western district.

"A.W.C.," the Daily Mail writer, has had the rare experience of being given a Chinese cigarette. It was given to him by a Frenchman who said that it was one of a number confiscated by the Customs at Marseilles. It was called "Young Sister," but, according to "A.W.C." it tasted much older than that!

"The Middle Watch," a comedy originally written on the China station for amateur theatricals in a battle cruiser, has turned out so successfully as to be rewritten by Commander Stephen King-Hall and Mr. Ian Hay (the stage craftsman) that it is packing the Shaftesbury Theatre in London and is likely to go to America.

The Postmaster General informs us that on Monday the 11th, the P.O. will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, the Kowloon Branch Office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., the Sheungwan Branch Office between the hours of 2 and 9 a.m., and 9 and 7 p.m., and the other Branch offices from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. only. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes, one delivery of ordinary correspondence, and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m. The money order office will be closed.

Among the passengers bound for England in the Macedonia, which sails to-day, is Lieut.-Comdr. Pitt, R.N., who has charge of a party of fifteen Chinese naval cadets on their way to Britain where they will study at British Naval College and on board British warships. It is understood that these cadets are proceeding to England as a result of the recent Anglo-Chinese naval agreement, which provides for the training of Chinese naval cadets and also for a British Mission to assist in the development of the Chinese Navy.

Hong Kong From the Air.

Residents and visitors who feel inclined for an aerial "joy ride" can have their desire satisfied by applying to the Far East Aviation Company. An advertisement elsewhere announces trips for seeing Hong Kong from the air from 810 upward, and anyone who has not had the thrill of a flight in an airplane may have it now at a very moderate cost. As only a limited number of flights can be made daily, reservations must be booked in advance.

Looking Back 25 Years.

Dancers who are not Scots need be under no uneasiness with regard to the programme at the St. Andrew's Ball. It is not all reels and Strathspeys. There are included ten waltzes, two Lancers, a Two-step, and a Polka—Hong Kong Daily Press, November 9, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

Under the title of the Victoria Quadrille Association there is now coming into existence a semi-club semi-dancing class which its promoters hope will supply a presumed want. Innocent amusement is deserving of support at all times.—Hong Kong Daily Press, November 9, 1929.

KENNEDY TOWN
FIRE.DAMAGE TO TENEMENT
HOUSES.

A block of buildings at the junction of Smithfield Lane and Belchers Street in Kennedy Town, rebuilt after a big fire which swept the neighbourhood in 1925, was the scene of a serious outbreak at 1.30 a.m. yesterday. At this hour smoke was seen to issue from the ground floor of the corner house, used as a medicine shop, and the inmates quickly abandoned the buildings in the vicinity of the fire.

Appliances were despatched from Kennedy Town and Central, and subsequently supplemented by those from Wanchai. Later the "Brigade call" summoning all the remaining appliances was sent. The fire float drew alongside the pier at the end of Smithfield Lane, and from there hoses were carried over a wire where, buildings to provide ample sea water to connect up with the appliances. Effective jets were brought to play on the flames by the firemen from various angles, while others endeavoured successfully to confine the fire to a small area. A timber yard across the road was also in danger of being involved, but this was saved by early attention.

Two of the houses, which are of the three-storey type of tenement houses, were completely burnt out, while the third, where the fire was checked from spreading further, was partially burnt out. Some damage was also done to the buildings at the rear of the affected block. It is understood that the contents of the drug store, where the fire originated, were insured for \$3,000 and that over \$10,000 damage was done to the buildings. No loss of life was reported.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade and Station Officer G. C. Moss directed the fire fighting operations which brought the fire under control within one hour after the summons thanks to very hard work by the firemen. Mr. T. H. King, acting C.S.P., was also on the scene as well as representatives from the P.W.D. and the Electric Company.

ARMED ROBBERY.

YESTERDAY'S DAYLIGHT
AFFRAY.

The first floor of 60 Jardine Bazaar, was selected by a gang of four men for a robbery at 8.30 a.m. yesterday. One of them was armed with a pointed chisel and another with a pair of scissors which they used to terrify the inmates, five of whom were driven into the rear cubicle.

A police whistle which was kept at hand was one of the articles included in the haul of property taken by the robbers. The women were deprived of their jewellery amounting to a total value of about \$180. In addition the gang took \$71.50 in money.

As soon as the gang left the house, the inmates chased them into the street, and one of the alleged miscreants was arrested. The usual report was circulated to the stations when the robbery became known to the police and the emergency squad also turned out in an endeavour to trace the gang.

THEFT FROM EUROPEAN
FLAT.

THIEF GETS THREE MONTHS.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with stealing a counterpane, the property of Mr. H. Ellis of 131 Nathan Road. The defendant was also charged with receiving and with unlawful possession. He denied having stolen it and said that he bought it from a second hand dealer.

Mr. Ellis identified the property and remarked that it had been hung out on the roof of 7 last Monday morning, and was missed at noon the same day.

A Chinese detective told the Magistrate that he arrested the defendant in Temple Street on Wednesday. The defendant, who was carrying the counterpane, first said that it belonged to his master but later said that he had bought it from a dealer in Hong Kong. The dealer in question was called and denied that he ever had the article in his possession.

The Magistrate convicted and sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

A meeting has been held in the Department of Reconstruction of Kwangtung at which was decided the completion of the main highways in the eastern and southern parts of the province. The cost is estimated to be \$1,000,000, which includes the building of bridges, culverts, foundations and asphalt surface-dressing.

MR. BALDWIN ON INDIAN POLICY.

"JOURNEY THROUGH TANGLED JUNGLE."

PLEDGE THAT MUST BE HONOURED

LIVELY DEBATE IN THE HOUSE.

[REUTER AND BRITISH WIRELESS.]

LONDON, Nov. 7.

In the House of Commons to-day the debate on India was opened by Mr. Stanley Baldwin who made allusion to the *Daily Mail* episode, and disclosed that he agreed to the publication of the Viceroy's proclamation provided the Simon Commission concurred, but when the latter dissented he withdrew his agreement, with the concurrence of his colleagues. He emphasized that all parties were agreed that the pledge to grant India a responsible Government should be honoured, but they could not hope to live to see the ideal of solving the Indian problem realised, but would work in faith.

Liberal Leader's Doubts.

Mr. Lloyd George declared that the Viceroy's declaration created the impression of a change of policy far beyond their previous pledges.

Captain Wedgwood Benn said that the only change there had been was in the sense of a new spirit. The Montagu policy stood as a cardinal article of faith in the British policy towards India. Indians would now have the opportunity of expressing their views and proposing solutions at a stage when everything they say will be heard in time.

Sir John Simon said that the Commission was completely united. They intended to continue to discharge their duties and hoped to report early in 1930.

FULL TEXT OF DEBATE.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Conservative leader, opened the debate with a statement regarding his attitude towards the issue of the declaration concerning Dominion Status for India.

He said that on Friday, September 20, the Secretary for India visited him charged with a letter from the Premier.

The Premier asked him to concur in the issue of a statement concerning Dominion Status in the event of the Simon Commission being consulted and agreeing, and the consent of all parties being obtained. He replied that so far as he was concerned he would concur but he could not speak for his colleagues or his party.

On October 23, he met his colleagues and learned for the first time that the Simon Commission had not approved the publication of Lord Irwin's Proclamation. Clearly, a new situation had arisen and therefore he called together the ex-Secretary for India and Lord Salisbury and it was at once decided that he should write to the Premier pointing out that in all the circumstances he could not agree to the publication of the note.

A Voluntary Action.

It was not a true statement that the old Cabinet of the Conservative Party insisted he should formally repudiate his personal pledges and required him to write the letter to the Premier withdrawing his approval and support of Indian Home Rule. What actually happened was as soon as he knew the Simon Commission refused to take any responsibility for the publication of Lord Irwin's letter he met his colleagues and told them the whole circumstances of his correspondence with the Premier and then wrote with their approval and not under their coercion, his letter to the Premier.

Speaking on the general subject of the pronouncement of the Viceroy of India, Mr. Baldwin said it was absurd to talk of a crisis. There was no crisis and had been none. The situation had only demanded elucidation.

India's Future.

With regard to India's future Mr. Baldwin said: "Let us never forget that the whole of the great Indian Peninsula had been for centuries the scene of invasions and struggles and that perhaps for a space we have given her international peace—we have given her justice and rule of law."

"I pray that those three things peace, justice and a rule of law may accompany India and ourselves throughout every stage of the long and arduous journey which lies before us now."

"At best it is a difficult journey, a journey that will have to be taken through the tangled jungle of creeds and castes, of ancient interests and immemorial hate."

"We have promised India in our declaration 'responsible Government.'"

Honouring A Pledge.

"All parties in this country are agreed that that pledge shall be honoured and it will form the most responsible task of the Commission of which Sir John Simon is the Chairman to point out what steps at this moment it is most desirable to take."

"Could there be any doubt what, ever, in any quarter of the House," added Mr. Baldwin, "that the position of India with full responsible Government in the Empire when attained, and whatever form it might take so far as the internal Government of India was concerned, must be one of equality with the other States of the Empire?"

"No Conservative Party with which I am connected will fail in our time and to the utmost extent of our ability in the solution of the greatest political problem which lies before us to-day. Our work must be done in faith so that when, perhaps after long generations to come, there are men who will be putting the coping stones on this foundation, they may happily not be forgetful of those who toiled with faith among the foundations."

Liberal Point of View.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, said he was a member of the Government that introduced the reforms in India and presided over the Cabinet that not only sanctioned but framed the declarations in reference to the future self-government of India.

There was no question so far as the Liberals were concerned of going back one single inch from those declarations. Those declarations were considered carefully not only by the British Cabinet, they were considered during the War at the Imperial Conference, where there were representatives of every Dominion in the British Empire including India.

He explained the nature of the pledge which was given to India, and why full partnership was not conceded immediately.

It was owing purely to practical difficulties. The first difficulty was that never in the whole history of India had India or any part of it ever enjoyed the slightest measure of democratic self-government until 1919.

Secondly, that 95 per cent. of the population was illiterate, and thirdly, there were as many different races, nationalities and languages as there were in the whole of Europe.

All these facts had to be taken into account.

The Imperial War Cabinet, in 1917, with the Prime Ministers of all the Dominions present, decided that there should be accorded to the people of India a considerable measure of self-government, limited, restricted, experimental, tentative, but they promised, and, (this was where the pledge came in), gradually if the experiment was successful, to extend it until ultimately India enjoyed full partnership in the Empire on equal terms with our great Dominions.

A Wrong Impression?

But they made it clear that the ultimate goal could only be reached by stages, that the length and the number of those stages must be determined carefully from time to time by the success which attended the experiments at each stage.

Mr. Lloyd George regretted that while the report of the Simon Commission was being awaited a declaration was issued with the content of the Government, which had created the impression in India that it was intended without delay to confer full Dominion Status on India.

Capt. Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary for India, said the Government were not taking in effect administrative action and were declaring and interpreting in unmistakable terms the existing policy. The declaration was a re-statement and an interpretation of the Montagu policy. Lord Irwin's statement meant what is said, no less and no more. The Montagu policy stood as the cardinal article of faith in the British policy towards India.

Government's Reasons.

The first reason for the Government taking the action they did was that they were advised to do so by the Viceroy. He would like to absolve the Viceroy because he came to England as an ambassador of peace and had gone back to India as a peace maker. There had grown up in recent years a doubt in India about British policy. The Viceroy said that for the removal of that doubt it was necessary to issue a clear declaration of existing policy. The Viceroy

(Continued on next column.)

FORD PRICES CUT.

AMERICAN ECONOMIC STABILITY

[United Press.]

Detroit, Nov. 7.—The Ford Motor Co. to-day announced a substantial reduction in the prices of its motor-cars.

A statement issued to-day said that this action was taken because "we feel that such a step is the best contribution that can be made to insure continuation of the present mood of business throughout the country."

"It is our belief," the statement went on, "that basically the industry and business of the country are sound."

"There is every indication that general conditions will remain prosperous."

also wanted, if possible, to get a good atmosphere which would be better secured if they could clear up those doubts before the report of the Statutory Commission was issued.

It was because those reasons appeared to the Government good and sound that they took the course they did. Mr. Lloyd George had asked whether there had been any change of policy. Capt. Wedgwood Benn said that using the word in its widest sense there had been a change. A new spirit had been introduced. An effort had been made to make the Indian people realise the position they occupied in the British Commonwealth and to give them an assurance of equality.

A second change that the Government had made was far more important, namely in regard to the conference. The conference was to be fully representative of the different parties and interests in India and in the Indian states.

Sir John Simon's Speech.

Sir John Simon, Chairman of the Statutory Commission, said the Commission had endeavoured to discharge their duties and would go on discharging them. The Commission was absolutely determined to do nothing which could be construed or misconstrued as presentation of an international report.

The functions of the Commission could neither be enlarged nor diminished by any declaration or statement made by anybody.

He earnestly asked Parliament to leave the Commission to continue their work undisturbed without Parliamentary conflict. The members of the Commission had an undivided and sincere desire to serve not only India, not only Britain but both together. One outcome of the events of the last few days was to make everybody realise that the future constitutional progress of India was one of the most complicated as well as the most important questions in the whole world.

The Prime Minister said the declaration of the Viceroy was required because, after 1919 propaganda had been started asking the Indian people to believe the British Government had departed from its policy. A declaration was necessary in order that a better atmosphere, and more confidence should be established pending the publication of the report of the Commission. The debate ended, the motion for adjournment being withdrawn.

INDIAN POTENTATES' APPROVAL.

A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 8.

The Maharajah of Alwar, one of the ruling Princes of India, in an address to members of all political parties in a committee room of the House of Commons, cordially welcomed the announcement in the Simon-MacDonald correspondence, and also the Viceroy's pronouncement on the ultimate goal of British policy, as crystallised in the words "Dominion Status."

Having referred to the special position of Indian States, the Maharajah added that the goal of India did not seem to him to be in doubt, but difficulties appeared when the question was considered as regards the time as to when this Dominion Status goal might be reached. He continued "My simple answer to that proposition is that when by actual consent between the Government of British India and ourselves our future relations are so adjusted that we can all unitedly work towards achievement of this ideal."

"The Conference that has been suggested will be a fundamental factor, I most devotedly hope, in the achievement of this method, and then it will only remain for each one of us concerned to aspire towards the ideal, which in my case has always been a United States of India, with the States working out their own destiny, in accordance with their own traditions and environment."

PACIFIC AIRSHIP SERVICES.

OHIO TO MANILA BY ZEPPELIN.

AMBITIOUS SCHEME.

AKRON, O., Oct. 30.

A gigantic construction programme of the Pacific Zeppelin Transport Corporation has been announced by Mr. Paul W. Litchfield, chairman of the board of directors of the concern, who said that it has been planned to begin service between the Pacific Coast and the Philippines via Hawaii by 1932.

His company will spend \$15,000,000 to build four Zeppelin dirigibles of 3,500,000 cubic feet helium capacity, while an enormous hangar will be erected at Akron and Los Angeles, and mooring masts will be established at Hawaii and the Philippines.

Two "Zepps" on Hawaiian Run. New York.—At the first executive meeting of the Pacific Zeppelin Transport Co., Commander J. C. Hunsaker was elected president and Mr. Paul Litchfield was chosen chairman of the board of directors, while Mr. E. P. Farley headed the executive committee.

It was announced that two dirigibles of 3,500,000 cubic feet capacity each will soon be constructed for service between the West Coast and Hawaii, with 36 hours estimated flying time.

Terminal hangars will be erected in Hawaii, and mooring masts will be put up at Guam and Manila and these will later be used as emergency stations when the service is extended westward.

CHRISTMAS LETTER MAIL.

The Postmaster-General announces that the Christmas letter mail for Great Britain via Suez will be closed at the G.P.O. as follows:—

Registered mail: 9.45 a.m. on Saturday, November 23.

Ordinary mail: 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, November 23.

This mail will be forwarded by the s.s. Kasagar and is due in London on December 23. The public are reminded that dutiable articles sent by letter post are liable to confiscation. Christmas cards containing not more than 5 written words will be forwarded at special rates for printed papers, if the envelope be left open.

Ground operations, construction of masts, etc., will be conducted with the collaboration of the Navy, which is at present building two dirigibles similar to the proposed commercial ships and which will be able to use the same landing facilities.

The Itinerary.

New York, Oct. 29.—The Pacific Zeppelin Transport Corporation, recently incorporated in New York, has announced yesterday its plan of immediately establishing service between San Francisco and Manila. Each dirigible will carry 80 passengers and 10 tons of freight and mails, making the journey every two weeks, but the actual flight can be made in one week's time.

The enterprise is backed by the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corporation, the National City Company, Gray, son Murphy and Lehman Brothers. The airship, which will be the largest in the world, will be ready for operation by the end of 1932, costing about \$4,500,000 to build with a capacity of 6,500,000 cubic feet.

The dirigible will stop only at Honolulu between San Francisco and Manila, but a mooring mast for emergency purposes may be erected at Guam Island. The company plans to build four dirigibles, maintaining weekly service with Hawaii. Experts agree that President Hoover may possibly approve of the plan.

Proposed Polar Flight.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Oct. 30.—The Zeppelin Company have accepted the crew's demand of paying additional insurance premiums, and the Graf Zeppelin will start on its flight to the North Pole early next year.

The proposed flight to the North Pole by the Graf Zeppelin had been evoked as given up on account of the crew's unwillingness to participate in the hazardous venture, without provision for their families in case of an accident.

The dirigible will make an extensive test flight in Sweden and Norway early next month, announced the company.

KUOMINCHUN HARD PRESSED.

CAPTURE OF 50,000 "REBELS."

HEAVY REVERSES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Nov. 8. An official communique issued by the Kuomintang states that Kuominchun insurgents along the Lung-hai are in a precarious position. A military conference summoned by Tang Seng Chi decided to capture Mienchin in five days and Tungkuang in ten.

Owing to the mobilisation of Shansi troops 50,000 rebels surrendered to Liu Chen Hui, while attempting to enter Shansi after a defeat at Chi-yuan.

In view of the heavy losses inflicted by Government forces, the insurgents have removed their General Headquarters to Sianfu.

KUOMINTANG ATTACK EXPECTED.

A CHANGE OF PLANS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 8. Reuter's Hankow correspondent reports almost a complete dearth of news from the Honan war zone to-day and it would appear that a lull prevails on all fronts.

However, it is officially stated that the Government is contemplating the launching of a new attack as soon as possible with General Liu Hsin commanding the Right Wing, General Yang Chih, controlling the Left and General Wang Chung and Ho Cheng Chun, the Centre.

The vernacular papers report that General Sun Liang Chen, the principal commander of the Kuominchun forces, was wounded in a recent engagement with the Nationalist forces, but this is a rumour only and it has not been confirmed from any source.

Ho-Chien's Task.

It is learned that General Ho Chien has been requested to despatch troops from Hunan to assist in the anti-rebel expedition and in the meantime it is officially reported that General Kuo Tso Tung, the Szechuan leader, has crossed the Hupeh border and is coming to the Government's assistance.

The armoured train "Cheng Chen" which up to now has been kept at Hankow has been despatched to patrol the Peking-Hankow Railway in the region of Sinyang-chow to prevent possible attempts by small railway parties of Kuominchun troops from damaging the railway for the telegraphs.

"Reds" Unlucky.

No further reports have been received in connection with the Communist trouble at Tayeh and it is believed that the threatened uprising has been nipped in the bud as the result of prompt action by the Chinese and Japanese in co-operation.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

THE STRANGE CASE OF YEN HSI SHAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Nov. 8. With reference to yesterday's statement by Yen Hsi Shan, during the night a high Shansi official from Garrison Headquarters tried to communicate with Reuter. Failing to do so, he communicated with the foreign papers in Peking, requesting the withdrawal and non-publication of the letter containing Yen's statements concerning the references to him in the Feng Yu Hsiang interview.

Yen Hsi Shan's statement referred to, is contained in the following Reuter message of November 7:—"With reference to the interview with Feng Yu Hsiang, an official at headquarters of the Peking-Tientsin garrison, informs Reuter to-night that 'Yen Hsi Shan has authorised him to announce that the interview so far as it refers to Yen is groundless.'"

DOCTOR VICTIMIZED IN HARBIN.

A SHAMEFUL CASE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HARBIN, Nov. 8. A lady doctor, Keselman, employed by the railway at Taitshai, charged with causing the death of one Chinese, has been found guilty and sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

Decided applied for medical treatment when Dr. Keselman found in the windpipe a hard piece of Chinese bread. To extract this she used a probe. Deceased during the operation became nervous, and grabbed the probe, releasing the safety lock, resulting in half the instrument sticking in the bronchia. Deceased refused to agree to the operation necessary to remove the probe, and consequently died.

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FRANCE'S FOREIGN POLICY.

DETERMINED TO PROTECT FRONTIER.

A STUDIED VIEW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Nov. 7. The Ministerial declaration read in Parliament lays down the principles of foreign policy, and promises that nothing shall be concluded without parliamentary ratification, and nothing be submitted to Parliament capable of diminishing French moral and political independence.

Efforts will be aimed at healing the past irritation, the re-inforcement of peace and the development of understanding between the peoples.

Evacuation in the third Rhine-land zone will be subordinated to the realization of measures calculated to ensure the operation of the Young Plan. The defensive organization of frontiers will be pursued and the liberty of France's communications with the Colonial Empire be safeguarded.

It is in this spirit, faithful to the position taken up at Geneva by all the Government's predecessors concerning naval and land disarmament, that France will participate in the forthcoming London Conference.

Evacuation Orders Cancelled.

BERLIN, Nov. 7. The newspaper *Vorwaerts* reports to-day that evacuation orders recently issued to a French regiment at Kreuznach have been suddenly cancelled.

The French troops were actually at the railway station at Mayence entering the train when the cancellation orders were received. Their commander ordered them to disembark and they returned to their old barracks.

Vorwaerts expresses the belief that this is due to the change in the French Cabinet, the elimination of M. Painlevé from the War Office. The new War Minister, M. Maginot, has always insisted that the Third Zone will only be evacuated after the Young Reparations Plan comes into force.

MINERS AND COAL PROPOSALS.

DISCUSSION AT LONDON CONFERENCE.

SENSATION AGAIN!

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 7. The National Delegate Conference of the Miners' Federation for the third day in succession discussed the Government's proposals, including the reduction of hours to 7½. It was not suggested that the proposals should be rejected because the Government was unable to induce the coalowners to attend the joint meeting.

The Executive reported that they continue to urge on the Government the necessity of national agreement and a national minimum wage.

The Secretary, Mr. A. J. Cook, stated that the coalowners were very foolish in refusing to attend the joint conference.

The Miners' Federation Conference carried the recommendation of the executive in accepting the general principles of the Government's proposals, and the recommendation will now go to the districts for consideration.

There was a sensation when the President, Mr. Herbert Smith, left the chair and walked out of the conference with the whole of the Yorkshire delegation, because they said they had no mandate to vote on any recommendation. The Yorkshire delegates urged that the proposals should be put to the districts without the recommendation.

SINO-JAPANESE AFFAIRS. MORE PEACEFUL TREND AT KYOTO.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

KYOTO, Nov. 8. The round-table conferences upon Sino-Japanese relations are gradually tending towards the formation of a Board of Conciliation.

It is understood that a special committee has been appointed to prepare plans for its organization, and the scope of its activities.

It is hoped that before the Conference breaks up something more tangible will be announced.

Apart from these criminal proceedings, action has been instituted by relatives of the deceased jointly against Dr. Keselman and the Chinese Eastern Railway for damages of 30,000 gold roubles.

THE SOVIETS' DAY.

CELEBRATING THE REVOLUTION.

[United Press.]

Moscow, Nov. 7.

Millions of Russians, Ukrainians, Georgians and other citizens of the vast Soviet Union are taking part to-day in fervent celebrations of the twelfth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. This is the first of a two-day holiday signaling the seizure of power by the Soviets, under Communist leadership, on November 7, 1917.

Monster parades, meetings, sport festivals, and other expressions of mass sentiment are being held in every city, town and village of the Union.

In the capital here at least half a million men, women, and children are expected to join in the most impressive parade of the year, pouring from all sections of the sprawling city into its heart, Red Square, to be reviewed by leaders of the Government and the ruling Communist Party. The civilian parade will, as usual, be preceded by a great military show, including Young Communists and Pioneers (equivalent to the Boy and Girl Scouts in other countries).

The Young Idea.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of the celebration is the participation of millions of boys and girls either born since the Revolution or too young in 1917 to remember anything about life before the great change. To them the past of Tsarism, landlords, and millionaires is something as far and unreal as the discovery of America. They are completely attached to the new system, regardless of what some of their elders may think. In this lies a great deal of the strength of the revolutionary regime, and every passing year places new emphasis upon this support.

Moscow has looked forward for months to this occasion for the unveiling of the new Mausoleum on Red Square holding the embalmed body of Lenin. For the first five years after his death Lenin's body rested in a simple wooden structure. This has now been replaced by a more elaborate stone mausoleum.

The Five-Year Plan.

The twelfth anniversary takes place in a period of great economic strain. On October 1 the Soviet Union began the second year of its astonishing Five-Year-Plan of industrialization. The first year had proved, so far as essentials are concerned, successful. There is every reason to believe that the second, too, will measure up to the plans. These successes, however, involve a prodigious national effort and enormous sacrifices by the population.

To carry out its plans for turning Russia into a self-sustaining industrial nation, the Soviet regime is obliged to re-invest every rouble it makes. It must deny to its people everything that makes of luxury and much that belongs in the category of necessities. Comfort now is being deliberately sacrificed for the sake of the industrialized future.

While there are many who grumble against these enforced sacrifices, especially in the agricultural regions, even the grumblers join in the celebration to-day. The dissatisfaction is directed against some of the Government policies, but not against the Government itself. It is the failure to make this important distinction which has given courage to so many false prophets of the overthrow of the Soviet system.

DEMOCRACY AT HEROES' DINNER.

THE SPIRIT OF ARMISTICE DAY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 8. In order to ensure the avoiding of social distinctions not in keeping with the occasion, the seating arrangements for the Prince of Wales' dinner to-morrow night to holders of the Victoria Cross have been determined by ballot. Thus officials of high rank may find themselves seated alongside men who served as privates, and one result of the draw is that the Prince of Wales, who will preside, will have as his immediate neighbours Viscount Gort and Sergeant Burman. Since the war Mr. Burman has been engaged as a chauffeur.

The only names not drawn for were those of severely injured men who can only move with difficulty. These have been allotted special places. Altogether there will be 320 holders of Victoria Cross at dinner. They include three blind men.

Fifteen more Canadians arrived in London yesterday for the dinner, including the youngest holder of decoration, Sergeant Blakett. A large party of Irish V.O.'s will reach London to-day.

Sports News

SHANGHAI WINS BY ONE WICKET.

GREAT BATTING BY LEACH AND STOKES.

THE LAST MAN'S "SOMEWHAT GLUTINOUS" STYLE.

RUN OF LUCK AGAINST MALAYA.

Shanghai won the Interport yesterday by one wicket. D. W. Leach played a magnificent innings of 95 and Stokes's share was 74.

In the final a big crowd watched, with tense excitement, while Barnes, the last man in, kept his end up while Leach hit off the 8 runs needed for victory.

Mr. E. Abbott's description of the play and comments follow.

There was a slight delay yesterday morning owing to the lack of an umpire, but at 10.45 a.m. Stokes and Simpson came out to start their task of collecting the 250 runs which Shanghai required for victory. P. N. Knight started from the Law Courts end and four singles resulted, but there were two thrills. Bostock Hill threw down the bowler's wicket from mid-off and nearly ran Stokes out, while Simpson swung carelessly at a short one and was nearly caught of a skier but the fieldman could not get back in time.

Early Thrill.

Braddell put Hopkins on at the other end and Simpson cut him for four, only just out of third man's reach. However, two balls later he was palpably caught at the wicket. (8-1-0) and a bad start. Marshall played out the over. Stokes then began to play beautiful cricket, and made some magnificent square cuts, especially off Knight, who, however, clean beat him once with a ball that went over the sticks. Hopkins had Marshall badly dropped at the wicket at 24, and next over Jansen relieved Knight.

Hopkins did not look very difficult but he was sticking Marshall up and presumably was turning a good deal. With no further runs added he got one to go straight through and the batsman was l.b.w. (24-2-3.) Jansen bowled another maiden which required all Stokes's skill to stop, but the batsman got the middle of the bat to every one. A leg bye came in Hopkins' next over and three singles came from Jansen. At the time a lot of yellow smoke blew across the ground, coming from the Cricket Club chimney, and something ought to be done about it. I believe it comes from the boiler-room but surely the chimney could be swept, and the furnace fired up before play and during tiffin! Of course, a N.W. wind is not so usual here, but when the smoke does blow across it is most unpleasant.

A Stern Struggle.

It was pretty evident that Stokes and Mander were out to wear the bowling down and whereas Stokes looked like doing it, Mander did not. The bowling was excellent. Jansen was keeping a fine length and Stokes had all his work cut out to keep him away. Luckily for Shanghai he got most of the bowling. At 28 Bostock Hill (hereinafter to be referred to as B.H.) in the intervals of brevity) went on for Hopkins who had never been collared by either batsman. A single came from his first over. Then Mander cut Jansen for four, but the ball was only an inch or two clear of first slip's right hand. A risky shot. Singles never became a little more common. Bostock Hill beat Stokes with a beauty, but later the batsman got him for four all along the carpet. Next over Jansen bowled his first bad ball—a very short one on the leg and Mander put it straight into backward leg's hands who dropped it! It was uncommonly hard luck on Jansen and on Braddell, who had brought his right hand back for Stokes. Two maidens followed, and then Stokes had a couple of twos to leg and a single off Bostock Hill. Lal Singh relieved Jansen who had bowled eight uncommonly good overs for fourteen runs only. He had a short square leg and a deep long leg and Stokes nearly put the first ball to Gibson's hands, as in the first innings. Lal Singh was a bit on the short side and Mander cracked him past cover for four. Keen running got Mander a three (one overthrow) next over.

The Stand Broken.

At 73, however, Lal Singh got Singapore the wicket they wanted so much, knocking back Mander's off peg with a fast break back. The retiring batsman had certainly not been very convincing, but he had hung on with the utmost pluck and his innings had given Shanghai a fighting chance after the early disasters. The stand reached 49 runs and Leach came on and seemed to see the ball at once, in spite of the fact that the Cricket Club chimney chose this minute to vomit forth further clouds of yellow vapour. Bostock Hill was not bowling as well as he had done in the first innings and Braddell replaced him by Knight, who bowled from the Yard end this time. Leach mindfully of the first innings treated his first over with distinguished consideration. By the way, it should be mentioned that any amount of runs were saved by a very well set field.

A Renewed Stand?

Stokes after Mander's departure did not seem quite so comfortable, especially against Lal Singh, but it was probably that he was sitting back a bit, as was Leach, to lay the foundations of a new stand. But from the Shanghai point of view the disquieting feature was that the pitch was beginning to talk a bit, and Lal Singh seemed to have found a spot. A fine ball beat everything and went for four byes. In fact, it rather looked (at a quarter past twelve) as if the wicket was beginning to become a bit of a brute as an occasional one started to keep low. Runs came very slowly indeed. An over or so later Lal Singh again all but bowled Stokes and four byes went away. Braddell had been inspecting the crease at the Yard end for some time and at 97 he put Smith on. Six runs came from the bat in his first over, and the century was hoisted. Single followed single and with a hundred and ten on the board Stokes completed his fifty with a fine shot to leg off Smith, which only a fine bit of fielding by Wynne saved from being a four. It had been a fine performance, and he had taken nearly as long over his last 21 as he had over the first forty. He was as near as possible c and b off the last ball but one before the tiffin from a short one to first slip. Leach was taken with the score at 112. Shanghai stock was up, but lunch is a good change, and the question of what the wicket was going to do remained a problem.

The Decisive Period.

Play was resumed at 1.40 p.m. Hopkins opened with a maiden to Leach, and Knight bowled at the Naval Yard end. Stokes got a good two to leg off his first ball. Waring at this time was doing very useful work at cover, while the batsmen were clearly out to play themselves in. Again it was noticeable how well placed the field was. That man, that Malaya keep on the boundary, fifteen degrees behind the line square from wicket to boundary must have saved twenty or thirty runs. After 120 went out Stokes cracked a full toss from Knight to the leg boundary. (N.B., I have said many things in my mind about our own short bowling but if it is question of long hops, or full tosses, let them make it long hops, as long as they are on the off!)

Lal Singh went on for Knight at the Yard end at 127. At first at all events, he did not seem nearly so dangerous as he had been from the other end, but I fancy Lal Singh is a bowler who takes a couple of overs to get loose, at all events in our climate. Stokes had a lovely four through the covers off Hopkins, and next over out one low that kicked. As far as could be seen from the pavilion Bostock Hill took the ball half-volley, and while he seemed sure he had made the catch, Stokes seemed equally sure he was not out. The umpire agreed with Stokes.

Leach got a three to third man off Hopkins and Stokes a four to square leg—the latter rather a risky shot.

Bowling Changes.

With 140 Jansen went on for Hopkins at the Law Courts end—was rather surprised he had not been tried before at that end, as he had been trying the batsmen up in the morning. Six runs came from the first over, including a fine four to square leg by Leach. Lal Singh was now bowling very well and so was Jansen, with the exception of an off break on the batsman's body which kicked up and went for four byes—no fault of Wong's. Bostock Hill, however, was given a shot at the Law Courts end at 155, and his first two balls were not too good and Gibson only just turned a four into a two. Next ball, however, Stokes jumped in to it and missed, and Wong smartly gave the bats his off. (157-4-4.) A very fine innings which had, at all events put his side on the way to victory.

102 to Win!

Leach altered his order and brought O'Hara in. Bostock Hill missed his sticks by a shade with the first two balls and the umpire only gave him a five ball over. Leach had a nice four in Lal Singh's next over. Again the Doctor had a narrow squeak off Bostock Hill, but he managed to scramble a single. Leach had a couple of fours through the covers, and a single, while O'Hara clumped a

single in the air but short of the field.

Braddell then went on at the Yard end and three singles came from his first over. Off his second Leach completed his fifty with a keen square cut to the boundary behind post, sending the 150 up at the same time. In Bostock Hill's next over, however, O'Hara thought the ball was pitching outside his leg stick, but the bowler and umpire thought not. The Doctor had never seemed likely to stop against him and I was not surprised to see him go. (183-5-6.)

In the Balance.

Things were now absolutely in the balance. If Leach went, Shanghai were almost certainly done; while if Howard went, it was going to be pretty desperate. The batsmen settled down grimly to their task. Leach seemed to be hitting them right in the middle, though he was nearly bowled twice, once by Jansen, and once by Bostock Hill. Howard hung on by "his eyebrows" for a bit and got two fours to leg off Bostock Hill but in trying to get a third he was splendidly caught by Smith who dropped on his knees as he caught the ball (213-6-10). 45 to tie, 46 to win and Orr in with Leach. The last wicket had put on 30 runs.

Hopkins went on for Jansen and next over Orr laid out on to Bostock Hill for a big single all the way to the carpet. Next ball Bostock Hill seemed to try and tempt Leach into his square leg trap, but the batsman used his light masher and dropped the ball short of the fieldman, who in going for the catch failed to allow for the spin-off the ground, and a four resulted. 220 up. Orr showed no signs of nerves and laid bat well on, but at 228 Braddell in the gully took a hard late cut close in. (229-7-5.)

A Barren Action.

Rawthorne then came in and it appeared to be a question if he could keep the run. Thirty-five were still wanted. Leach started to farm the bowling, but unwisely took a single off Bostock Hill's second ball. Next ball Rawthorne was bowled. (233-8-1.)

A Needle Match.

Torry Wilson batted his first ball for two to leg and got a one off the next, but Leach failed to get a single off the last ball. Lal Singh went on at the Yard end, and Torry pulled him for three after stopping three good runs. Twenty to win! Wilson took a big single off Bostock Hill to leg, and Leach was nearly caught by Lal Singh off a hard cut—hardly a chance! Then Wilson hit one into the deep and Gibson rushed in too far and dropped it. Things were now becoming somewhat hysterical, and every ball was watched and applauded by a most excited crowd. Wilson was nearly caught by Jansen running in from mid-on but he was safe by an inch. Next over he skied one exactly between mid-on and long on, again safe, but a bit rough on Malaya! Next over he skied Lal Singh between his legs and the wicket for four. 250 up. Then off the fifth ball Wilson got a keenly run two to long on. He stopped the sixth. Next over at 253 his rabbit's-foot gave out, and he cocked one back to the bowler. (253-9-16.) Twenty runs had been put on of which Torry claimed sixteen.

The End.

Barnes came in and played two balls solemnly. Over. Leach, who seemed to have made up his mind to win the match on singles took one off the second ball from Lal Singh. He evidently trusted Barnes, who was undefeated by the rest of the over. One run next over from Bostock Hill. One next over from Lal Singh! Barnes survived two balls. Leach got a two. Tiel Barnes to play an over from Hopkins and Malaya pack round him. He did it with complete calm. And Leach banged a four through the covers off Bostock Hill to win a magnificent game by one wicket. Leach may make many bigger scores, but he will never play a better innings than his 95 not out. While no number eleven bat can ever have a finer tribute paid to his powers of sticking than Barnes had from Donald's tactics in the last quarter of an hour.

Commentary.

For one who had the thrill of watching that wonderful finish, it is perfectly revolting to have to write anything more about it. One wishes to ruminate and enjoy it all over again. But an Editor demands it! It is quite clear that Shanghai have only two bats—real bats—on their side and the credit of the victory lies almost entirely with Stokes and Leach, whose batting has a crispness about it that stamps it as of a different class to anyone else's. Leach as captain and as player had a wonderful match. His 95 not out was a marvel of patience. No one can be more sparkling than he can, and this applies to Stokes as well. But they settled themselves down to steady fighting. Stokes had thirty-two singles out of seventy-four runs, and Leach fifty out of nine-five, while their boundaries numbered six and nine respectively. Mander's sturdy knock made victory possible early on, as did the adventures of Torry Wilson at the end. It was reserved for the somewhat glutinous style of Barnes to put the coping stone on the edifice of success.

Loaded Dice.

It seemed to me that Malaya had all the worst of the luck. Time and time again did their bowlers miss the sticks with the bat completely beaten. Quite often a lifted ball dropped just clear of a fielder. All their bowlers bowled very well, and I thought Braddell's handling of his attack and placing of the field were excellent. Wong kept well. I do not think it is being ungenerous to Shanghai to say that Malaya was going the worst of what luck was going.

The finish of course reminds us of the one—in 1924, I think, or possibly 1922, when Isaacs and Barnes hit off about forty for the last wicket to win the match against Hong Kong. Yesterday's finish will long be spoken of by cricketers here. It was almost painful to watch. As Edward Bowen wrote:

"Over—batsmen steadily set; Over—maiden again; If it lasts a score of overs yet, it may chance to turn the brain. End it, finish it! such a match shortens the breath we draw. Lose it at once or else—a catch!"

Yesterday it was a four!

R. ABBITT.

Full score and analysis.

First Innings of Malaya.
W. A. D. Wynne, b. Wilson... 4
E. I. Evan Wong, b. Wilson... 1
H. O. Hopkins, b. Wilson... 4
Lal Singh, c. b. Wilson... 43
A. J. Bostock Hill, c. Wilson... 43
b. O'Hara... 2
R. L. Braddell, c. Barnes... 2
b. O'Hara... 2
W. A. D. Smith, l.b.w., b. Wilson... 3
R. G. Gibson, c. O'Hara, b. Leach... 20
A. S. A. Jansen, c. O'Hara, b. Mander... 37
M. Waring, b. Wilson... 45
P. N. Knight, not out... 7
Extras: Byes 8, leg byes 8, no-ball 1... 15

Total... 233

Fall of wickets:—1/5; 9/11; 3/24; 4/64; 5/99; 6/118; 7/122; 8/148; 9/212; 10/233.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
T. W. R. Wilson 25.5 8 78 6
Dr. W. E. O'Hara 20 7 32 2
D. W. Leach 10 3 30 1
T. L. Rawthorne 8 0 36 0
F. E. T. Marshall 4 1 15 0
L. F. Stokes 3 0 16 0
P. Mander 2 0 14 1
*Bowled 1 no ball.

First Innings of Shanghai.

O. G. Simpson, b. Lal Singh 17
L. F. Stokes, c. Gibson, b. Lal Singh... 31
F. E. T. Marshall, l.b.w., b. Jansen... 18
P. Mander, l.b.w., b. Bostock Hill... 6
D. W. Leach, b. Knight... 44
C. H. Howard, c. Gibson, b. Knight... 27
Dr. W. E. O'Hara, run out... 14
H. E. Orr, c. Braddell, b. Knight... 8
T. L. Rawthorne, b. Knight... 8
T. W. R. Wilson, c. Gibson, b. Knight... 0
E. G. Barnes, not out... 0
Extras: Byes 5, leg byes 4, no balls 3... 12

Total... 185

Fall of wickets:—1/42; 2/51; 3/81; 4/61; 5/150; 6/153; 7/174; 8/185; 9/185; 10/185.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
W. A. D. Smith 7 3 9 0
A. S. A. Jansen 19 3 46 1
*A. J. Bostock Hill 23 3 58 1
Lal Singh 10 4 30 2
H. O. Hopkins... 6 1 15 0
P. N. Knight... 6 5 1 0
*Each bowled 1 no ball.

Second Innings of Malaya.

W. A. D. Wynne, l.b.w., b. Leach... 39
E. I. Evan Wong, b. O'Hara... 8
H. O. Hopkins, c. Marshall... 8
Lal Singh... 15
A. J. Bostock Hill, b. Leach... 29
A. S. A. Jansen, c. Rawthorne, b. Leach... 0
Lal Singh, c. Rawthorne, b. Leach... 23
R. G. Gibson, b. Stokes... 16
R. L. Braddell, c. Stokes... 60
b. O'Hara... 15
W. A. D. Smith, b. Wilson... 8
M. Waring, b. O'Hara... 8
P. N. Knight, not out... 1
Extras: Byes 18, leg byes 3, wide 1... 20

Total... 210

Fall of wickets:—1/24; 2/40; 3/68; 4/88; 5/93; 6/122; 7/140; 8/163; 9/188; 10/210.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
T. W. R. Wilson 17 3 41 2
Dr. W. E. O'Hara 12.2 1 47 3
D. W. Leach... 18 3 56 4
P. Mander... 2 0 14 0
T. L. Rawthorne 4 0 14 0
L. F. Stokes... 3 3 19 1
*Bowled 1 wide.

Second Innings of Shanghai.

L. F. Stokes, st. Wong, b. Bostock Hill... 74
O. G. Simpson, c. Wong, b. Hopkins... 6
F. E. T. Marshall, l.b.w., b. Hopkins... 23
P. Mander, b. Lal Singh... 25
D. W. Leach, not out... 85
(Continued on next column.)

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.
(Kick off at 4.15 p.m.)

China Athletic v. Royal Navy, The Stadium North Point. Referee: Mr. T. G. Stokes.

R.A. v. Hong Kong F.C., Sookun-poo ground. Referee: L. S. Ness.

Kowloon F.C. v. Hong Kong Police, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Pte. Lamb.

South China v. R.O.S.B., Caroline Hill ground. Referee: Lt. Seal, M.C.

St. Joseph's v. Somerset U.I., Hong Kong P.C. ground. Referee: L. S. B. A. Atkinson.

Division II.
(Kick off at 2.45 p.m.)

University F.O. v. R.A.M.C., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: L. S. Crosey.

R. Navy Res. v. Eastern F.O., R. Navy ground. Referee: Mr. H. K. Lee.

Club de Recreo Res. v. R.A. Res., King's Park ground. Referee: Sgt. Bunting.

South China "B" v. K.O.S.B. Res., Caroline Hill ground. Referee: P. O. Mellow.

S.L.I. Res. v. St. Joseph's Res., Sookun-poo ground. Referee: Mr. G. Fisher.

H.K.F.C. Res. v. South China "A", H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: L. S. B. A. Mann.

Kowloon F.C. Res. v. China Ath. "A", Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. A. A. Masters.

Ewo, Chinese v. China Athletic "B", The Stadium, North Point. Referee: Sgt. Martin.

(Continued on next column.)

Dr. W. E. O'Hara, l.b.w., b. Bostock Hill... 6

C. H. Howard, c. Smith, b. Bostock Hill... 10

H. E. Orr, c. Braddell, b. Hopkins... 5

T. L. Rawthorne, b. Bostock Hill... 1

T. W. R. Wilson, c. b. Bostock Hill... 18

E. G. Barnes, not out... 0

Extras: Byes 12, leg byes 8, wide 1... 21

Total (for 9 wickets)... 262

Fall of wickets:—1/8; 2/24; 3/73; 4/157; 5/183; 6/213; 7/226; 8/233; 9/233.

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
P. N. Knight... 10 4 35 0
H. O. Hopkins... 20 4 44 3
A. S. A. Jansen 15 6 35 0
A. J. Bostock Hill 25 1 81 5
Lal Singh... 20 3 38 1
W. A. B. Smith 4 1 11 0
R. L. L. Braddell 2 0 7 0
*Bowled 1 wide.

K.C.C. v. POLICE R.C. (FRIENDLY).

To-day on the K.C.C. ground at 2 p.m.

K.C.C.—F. E. Lawrence (captain), N. H. Ross, J. Marlow, A. R. F. Raven, O. B. Raven, F. S. W. Smith, H. A. Gregory, A. Laughton, R. Baldwin, A. E. Silkstone, and A. N. Other. Score: Capt. Laithwaite, D.S.O. Umpire: A. W. Bliss.

KOWLOON RES. v. CHINESE "A".

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon First v. Police at Home to-day at 4.15 p.m. sharp:—

Angus, Scar, Gillock, C. Pile, Hedley, Downman, Bies, T. Pile, Galtihar, Simpson, McKelvie, and Miles.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon "A":—

Angus, Jan, Campbell, Hannan, Springett, Easterbrook, Nicholls, Withers, Harbert, Moss, Coates, and Bickford.

Reserves: Haws and Ferguson.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Poppy Day Charity game, Hong Kong F.C. ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. Referee: Q. M. S. Scott, R.A.; Linamen: Mr. J. Lawrence and U. S. Crossley, R.N.

PLAYERS AND PROSPECTS.

After their success against the Somerset L.I. last week, the China Athletic will take the field in full confidence of victory against the Royal Navy. The Navy are equally determined to lower the Athletic's colours and a great game should be seen at the Stadium. On their form of last week the home team should win. A great crowd is expected although South China are playing at Caroline Hill against the Borderers.

The Gunners are at home to the Hong Kong F.C. at Sookun-poo. The Gunners will turn out the same team that went down to Navy last week, but the visitors are making a couple of changes. Stewart, their hard-working centre-half will not be out. Holmes will take that position while Wallington will partner Bishop at back. There is one change in the forward line, Davies replacing Transbilly. Goldman will lead the attack and the Gunners defence will have to be at their best to prevent the Chub taking full points.

Kowloon F.C. receive the H.K. Police on the Railway ground. The game between these teams is always looked forward to for it is a great tussle and the Police usually hold their own. The home team are fielding the team that did so well against the Borderers at Sookun-poo last week and Kowloon should win by a big margin.

At Caroline Hill, South China receive the Borderers and a great game should be seen. It is rumoured that the Borderers are making drastic changes in the team that went down to Kowloon last week. South China will be out to take full points and with Fung King Cheung back in the team they should succeed.

The Somerset L.I. will be out on the Hong Kong F.C. ground in opposition to St. Joseph's. The College team had an easy win over the Police last week. The S.L.I. should win to-day.

With the junior division, the K.O.S.B. Royal Navy, South China "A", China Athletic "A", and "B", and S.L.I. should be numbered with the winners. The results of the R.A.M.C.—University, and R.A.—Recreio games are very open.

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9.33 " E. D. Black and R. P. Moodie.
9.40 " J. H. Raikes and C. Tyler.
9.44 " C. E. Holmes and D. Ellis.
9.45 " J. S. McLaren and W. Thomson.
9.52 " W. L. Alexander and D. Black.
9.58 " K. S. Robertson and H. U. Ireland.
10.00 " A. B. D. Wilson and L. Ramage.
10.04 " D. S. Edward and J. Forbes.
10.08 " N. S. Ellis and J. Jones.
10.12 " J. Gardner and A. Smith.
10.16 " D. Christie and E. D. Lawrence.
10.20 " O. E. O. Martin and W. D. Brown.
10.24 " J. MacKnight and K. L. Dugan.
10.28 " N. Garland and E. J. R. Mitchell.
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10.36 " D. G. McAvoy and J. P. Sherry.
10.40 " W. C. Clark and G. A. L. Plummer.
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10.48 " W. J. S. Key and W. A. Stewart.
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11.08 " C. Law and J. Hight.
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11.16 " T. S. Whyte Smith and A. E. Lisaman.
11.20 " R. H. Ashby and J. R. Collis.
11.24 " W. J. Clerk and M. G. Mills.
11.28 " Major Beamish and O. Eager.

Monday, November 11.

9.30 a.m. D. L. Newbiggin and P. Morrison.
9.32 " G. W. Reeves and C. Mycock.
9.36 " S. T. Butlin and J. W. Alabaster.
9.40 " N. M. Currie and W. A. Stewart.
9.44 " W. L. Danbar and W. W. Mackenzie.
9.48 " K. S. Morrison and E. D. Lawrence.
9.52 " G. H. Wilson and E. P. Fletcher.

Second v. Chinese "A" at Home to-day. Kick off at 2.45 p.m. sharp:—

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REGISTRATION OF MUI TSAI.

LORD PASSFIELD'S ORDERS.

The Government has published the complete correspondence between successive Governors of Hong Kong and Secretaries of State, since 1923 regarding the problem of the status and protection of mui tsai. The correspondence begins with some letters and telegrams from Mr. Winston Churchill, very typical of that statesman's impulsive nature and concluding with a despatch from Lord Passfield (previously Mr. Sidney Webb), finally insisting upon the registration of mui tsai, their payment, and control by the authorities.

Lord Passfield after reviewing the history of the agitation for the abolition of the system says:—

In pursuance of this policy an Ordinance was passed on the 15th of February, 1923 entitled "The Female Domestic Service Ordinance." The first part of the Ordinance negated the idea, that rights of property in a female child could be conferred on third person by payment to the parent or guardian of such child. The second part amongst other things provided that no person should hereafter take into his employment any mui tsai, and forbade the transference of an existing mui tsai from one employer to another.

If effect were given to these provisions, it is clear that the mui tsai being only recruited from those brought into the Colony from outside should steadily decrease in numbers.

Part III of the Ordinance provided for the registration inspection and control of mui tsai, and forbade under penalty any person having in his employment an unregistered mui tsai. Further, it was laid down that no person should have in his employment any female domestic servant under the age of ten years unless such servant was a registered mui tsai, and that every mui tsai over the age of ten years should be entitled to such wages for her services as shall be prescribed.

In view, however, of the representations of the Governor as to the opposition of the Chinese population to the Enforcement generally, and particularly to Part III, the Duke of Devonshire in his despatch of the 2nd of May, 1923 wrote: "I concur in your suggestion that the question of registration and of payment of wages may be left in abeyance for the present, and that Part III of the Ordinance should not be brought into operation unless and until it is shown to be necessary."

After Six Years.

It now appears however, that after six years from the passing of the Ordinance the most that can be said (vide paragraph 6 of your despatch of 23rd of February) is that there is no reason to believe that the number of mui tsai in the Colony has increased.

After making all allowance for the difficulties in bringing the system to an end which are described at length in your despatches, it is my duty to inform you that public opinion in this country and in the House of Commons will not accept such a result with equanimity, and that I feel myself quite unable to

defend a policy of laissez-faire in this serious matter.

I must, therefore, direct that the third part of the Domestic Service Ordinance should be brought into force forthwith and special care must be taken to inform the population generally that it is in force, and that it will not be allowed to be a dead letter. You should also at once proceed to make Regulations under Section 12 of the Ordinance for the keeping of the Registers, for the remuneration of mui tsai, and for their inspection and control. It will be doubtless necessary for you to appoint additional officers in the Department of the Secretary of Chinese Affairs to carry out the work of registration and inspection.

Further, I consider that Part II of the Ordinance should be amended so as to forbid the bringing into the Colony of any mui tsai. There can be the less objection to such a provision inasmuch as I learn from your despatch that the status of mui tsai has been abolished by law in China.

I fully realise that time will be required to make the Law effective, but I am not prepared to acquiesce in a merely nominal enforcement of Law. Any offence against the Ordinance which comes to light should be made the subject of prosecution without regard to the position of the offender and a full report should be furnished every six months on the working of the Ordinance, and of the proceedings taken under it.

Chinese Opinion.

Whilst feeling bound by the traditional policy of this country in regard to any institution that savours of slavery to take steps for the abolition of the mui tsai system notwithstanding any opposition in the Colony, I need hardly remind you of the desirability of enlisting as far as possible Chinese opinion in favour of the change. This will be the less difficult since it is clear from your despatch that the best opinion in Chinese itself is opposed to the institution as is evidenced by the Law which has been passed abolishing it.

I also strongly approve of the proposals made in your telegram of the 3rd of March for the institution of a Society in Hong Kong on the same lines as the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in this country, and I should be glad to learn what progress has been made in this direction.

It is my intention to lay the correspondence on this subject before Parliament as soon as it reassembles.

TRAFFIC IN CHILDREN.

CLEARING HOUSE RAIDED.

A Chinese and his wife were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy under the new law amending the offences against Person Ordinance of 1925. The charge against the defendants is as follows: "That you Man Yin and Wong Kui, on or about September 23, 1929, in Victoria in this Colony, took part in a transaction, the object of which was to transfer the possession, custody or control of a minor child under the age of 18 years, to wit, Ngan Ho, a female child, aged about four years, for a valuable consideration, to wit, thirty dollars, contrary to Section 45a of Ordinance 2 of 1925."

The First Charge.

In view of the fact that this is the first case under the amended Ordinance to be heard in the Colony the case is of interest.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, for the Crown, said that it was a criminal offence unless the accused persons could prove beyond reasonable doubt that the transaction was a bona fide sale for proposed marriage or adoption in accordance with the Chinese custom.

The defendants took part in the purchase of the child on September 23 last, a week after the amended Ordinance came into force. Centre Road, had been a clearing house for the selling of children and as a result of information a raid was made. Five different bills for the sale of children were found during the raid. Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that that was not a crime. It might be reprehensible but it was not criminal.

During the raid three children were found on the flat. One was the daughter of the first defendant, and the Clubs will each be repre-

while another had apparently been bought several years ago and had been kept ever since. The other child was about five years of age.

The defendant took the police back to the house on October 1, when he produced a bill, which had since been translated and proved correct. The document related to the small child, in which the first defendant stated that the child was born about the 4th day of the tenth moon five years ago, and that her family were willing to present the child to some one else. They first called upon her near relatives, but no-one wished to take her, and he (the defendant) had agreed to take her for payment of thirty Hong Kong dollars.

The remaining bills were all similar, purporting that certain people were willing to present their daughters to someone else. They had been found by their near relatives and had been offered to "go-betweens" for a certain number of dollars.

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said that in answer to the charge, the man said: "A Chinese family presented to them to me," and the woman replied: "I bought the child for \$30."

Evidence was given by a district watchman who said that he found both defendants at the flat and that the man claimed to be the principal tenant. He searched the flat and found six documents, and later the first defendant handed him another document relating to the sale of a child. This document was produced from under the mat. He found three children on the floor one of whom was stated to be the daughter of the first defendant.

The hearing was adjourned until November 19.

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8th EXTRA RACE MEETING.

THE HANDICAPS.

The following are the handicaps for the 8th Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday, November 16:—

Fanning Plate.

Cream Cracker, 168; Ace of Spades, 167; Mount Elburz, 164; Glory, 164; Shamrock, 158; Erat, 158; Sunshine, 153; As You Like It, 149; Bright Prospect, 147; Fanning Stag, 145; False Alarm, 138; Duke of Milan, 139; Duke of Normandy II, 138; Desert Wind, 140; Cavalier, 133; Duke of Niebung, 130; Inca, 130; Mountain Air, 130; Ullawater, 130; Pumpkin, 130; Half Pint, 130.

Shek O "A."

O'Moon, 140; San Francisco, 140; Our Prince, 144; Monterey Bay, 143; Duke of Chantilly, 143; Imperial Hall, 147; Majesty Hall, 165; Town Hall, 143; Campbell, 148; Winsome Stag, 150; Young Pretender, 158; City Hall, 140; New Year's Eve, 158; Misty Eve, 151; Boxing Eve, 168; Grand Tattoo Eve, 158; Triumphant Stag, 142; Fifty Fifty, 141.

Shek O "B."

Monk, 140; Mount Elburz, 140; Glory, 140; Wuchang, 149; Zereon II, 140; Sunning, 148; Ace of Spades, 162; Erin's Isle, 153; Duke of Melrose, 160; The Ace, 161; Buster, 161; Samaritan, 153; Thunderbolt, 153; Glorious Stag, 158; King's Falloch, 157; Huntington, 157; Nookhall, 155; Cream Cracker, 153; Lock Drive, 149; Tarmacadam, 154; Peck, 158.

Shek O "C."

Cavalier, 140; Amusement Tax, 147; Inca, 140; False Alarm, 148; The Ptarmigan, 143; Papyrus, 143; Duke of Normandy II, 143; Duke of Milan, 149; Sunshine, 168; Desert Wind, 150; Armony, 154; As You Like It, 158; Duke of Niebung, 140; Zephyr, 163; Dark Eyes, 140; Erat, 168; Chemal, 168; Bright Prospect, 157; Fanning Stag, 155; Sazmar, 166.

Shek O "D."

Mountain Air, 165; Fair Eyes, 153; Sunloch, 152; Ching Hoi, 163; Kom Tong Hall, 157; Ullawater, 158; Kum On, 145; Pumpkin, 144; Sunny Day, 158; Tornado, 147.

Shek O "A": 1 1/2 Miles.

O'Moon, 140; Fifty Fifty, 141; One Third, 163; Monterey Bay, 143; Duke of Chantilly, 140; Imperial Hall, 147; Majesty Hall, 165; Town Hall, 143; Hinawatha, 170; Young Pretender, 153; City Hall, 140; New Year's Eve, 158; Misty Eve, 151; Boxing Eve, 168; Grand Tattoo Eve, 158; Triumphant Stag, 142.

Shek O "B": 1 1/2 Miles.

Little Thunder, 170; Delaware Bay, 152; Monk, 143; Duke of Milan, 140; Duke of Normandy II, 140; Wuchang, 140; Erin's Isle, 153; Duke of Melrose, 160; The Ace, 161; Samaritan, 153; Thunderbolt, 153; King's Falloch, 157; Huntington, 157; Nookhall, 155; Tarmacadam, 154; Sazmar, 166.

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

INTERESTING MATCH AT CLUB LISITANO.

Members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong Kong visited Club Lusitano yesterday for a billiards match. The visitors were Messrs. L. J. Blackburn, G. F. Taylor, W. B. Haslett, M. Dubois, W. Brown and A. J. Pilgrim, the Club representatives being Messrs. L. A. Osmund, J. F. Silva, J. A. Barridos, M. R. Rozario, S. S. Sequin and A. B. Rozario.

The Institute won at only one table, but although the scores would indicate that the games were mostly in favour of the Club, some good billiards was played by the visitors and the games were quite interesting to watch. Suitable speeches were made by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, President of the Club, and Mr. Blackburn, on behalf of the Institute, at the close of the match.

Scores of the match were:—

L. E. and S.

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| Haslett | 117 |
| Dubois | 117 |
| Taylor | 144 |
| Blackburn | 87 |
| Pilgrim | 88 |
| Brown | 150 |

Total

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| Osmund | 150 |
| Barridos | 150 |
| Sequeira | 150 |
| Rozario | 150 |
| Silva | 146 |

Total

800

The return match will be played at the Institute next Friday, when the Engineers will probably turn the tables on the visitors.

A Triangular Series.

A triangular tournament between the Catholic Union Club, Club Lusitano and Club Recreo will commence on December 2. The tournament will last about three weeks. (Continued on preceding column).



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| TJIKARANG | S' HAI & AMOY | 29th Nov. | 30th Nov. Noon | BATAVIA |
| TJISALAK | AMOY | 1st Dec. | 3rd Dec. Noon | MANILA, M'KASSAR, & SOERABAYA |

NORTH BOUND.

| STEAMERS | FROM | EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT | WILL LEAVE ON | FOR |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| TJILEBOET | JAVA, MAKASSAR, BATAVIA | In Port | 11th Nov. 10th Nov. 35th Nov. | SWATOW & AMOY |
| TJISALAK | JAVA, MAKASSAR, BATAVIA | 23rd Nov. | 27th Nov. | SWATOW & AMOY |
| TJISAROEKA | JAVA, MAKASSAR, BATAVIA | 6th Dec. | 9th Dec. | SWATOW & AMOY |
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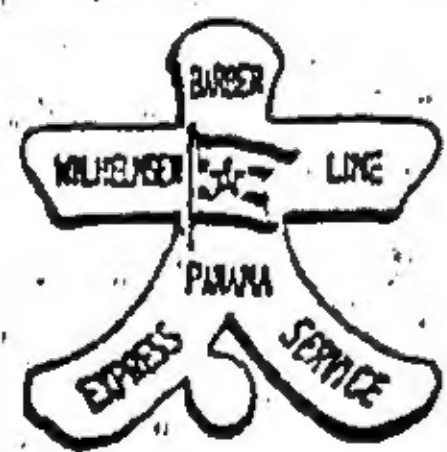
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THREATS ON EXTRALITY ISSUE.

Peking, Oct. 30. An economic boycott against the United States and Great Britain if those countries continue to refuse negotiations for abolition of extrajurisdictional rights is being suggested by the Association for Hastening the Abolition of Unequal Treaties, according to the Chinese Press here.

Association spokesmen quoted by the Press declare that China must refuse to have any business dealings with countries which cling to their special rights, and the boycott must be centred upon British and American goods, because these countries are most persistent in upholding their special rights.

The Association is understood to have the same personnel as the former Anti-Japanese Association, which directed a boycott against Japanese goods for almost a year following the Tientsin incident, and confiscated from Chinese merchants Japanese goods worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A more constructive movement along the same lines is being urged here, with the purpose of instructing the Chinese people to buy goods only from countries which have renounced special rights.

These countries at present are Soviet Russia, Germany, Austria, Cuba, and other countries with no trade with China. As trade with Russia has altogether ceased since the dispute arose over the Chinese Eastern Railway, such a movement would force the Chinese to depend almost entirely upon Germany for foreign goods if the boycott against all other countries were vigorously enforced.

THE JAPANESE GOLD EMBARGO.

LIKELY TO BE LIFTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Nov. 8. Indications that the gold embargo will be lifted next year are accumulating.

Following the Finance Minister's assertion on November 6 that with the present exchange rate it is clear that gold release is indeed near, the leading vernacular newspapers give prominence to reports concerning Mr. Tashima, the Finance Commissioner, who is now in New York negotiating with Morgan for an overdraft of one hundred million dollars in favour of the Yokohama Specie Bank for the purpose of supporting the early lifting of the embargo on gold exports, enforced since 1917.

Negotiations are reported to be progressing favourably. This, together with the yen's rapid approach to par, leads financial experts to expect the signing of the overdraft agreement in New York to be immediately followed by Tokyo's official announcement of the termination of the embargo.

This will probably be in January or February.

DRAMATIST INVOLVED IN MURDER CHARGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, Nov. 8. A sensational arrest has been made, of the dramatist Peter Martin Aepel, author of "Poison Gas over Berlin." "Revol in a Borstal Institute." He is suspected of implication in a murder by the "Black Reichswehr," which body was active some years ago. He was at that time a member of the organization.

TOO MANY TREASURY BILLS!

REASON FOR BRITAIN'S NEW LOAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Nov. 7. In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Philip Snowden, explaining the reasons for the issue of a five per cent. conversion loan, said that he felt it was very desirable to curtail the volume of treasury bills, the amount of which had extensively increased in recent times.

He expected that future exchange operations would be conducted on advantageous terms.

Telegram in Brief.

Count von Schaumburg-Lippe, the second pilot of the Luthansa air-liner which crashed at Marden Park, Surrey, on Wednesday, has died of his injuries.

It is announced that Frau Zoubkoff has been found to be suffering from inflammation of the lungs. Pleuritic complications are feared.

Weeks and Co. Ltd., the fifty year old Shanghai general department store, unapologetically decided yesterday to close the business.

The premises of the Company were recently sold for seven lakhs of taels to the Shanghai Power Company.

Money and Markets

HONG KONG SHARES.

BENJAMIN & POTTS' WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts, local share and general brokers, in their weekly share report, dated yesterday, state:—

The local market during the period under review has continued active notwithstanding the distraction of Interport Cricket and rates generally have been well maintained. Interest has been chiefly centred in China Light, Green Island Cements, Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels and Low Level Trams which have been the medium of a fair turnover.

Banks.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have ruled steady at \$1.355 at which figure they have been placed. London advises that there are buyers at \$1.214.10.

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions have further declined to \$307. Cantoners at \$695 and Hong Kong Fires at \$315 are wanted at quotations. Underwriters changed hands at \$2.35.

Shipping.—Douglas Steamships after having dropped to \$254 have recovered to a buying quotation of \$284. Preferred Indos have advanced to \$45 and probably a little more would be paid. Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamships are wanted at \$284. Union Waterboats at \$22 have not moved.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharves continue in demand at \$147. Whampoa Docks are on offer at \$41. China Providents were dealt in at \$54 and have further buyers. Hong-kew Wharves at \$150, Shanghai Docks at \$107 and New Engineering at \$15 are unchanged.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—A further rise has taken place in Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels and sales were made at \$11.10. Hong Kong Lands are enquired for at \$60. Humphreys Estates were sold at \$14.70. Realty fetched \$9.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON 330 METRES.

11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial News, Stock Exchange reports, etc. in Chinese and English and News Bulletin.

12 to 1 p.m.—Demonstration programme of Chinese and English records for use of Radio Dealers.

1.45 p.m.—Weather report.

7.45 p.m.—Evening weather report.

9 p.m.—"Tipperaryland." Sted-Selection. The Band of H.M.S. Berwick, by kind permission of Capt. Robinson and Officers.

Conductor: Mr. G. J. Maulkin.

9.15 p.m.—Soprano Song, "Danny Boy," Old Irish. Mrs. Richard Sanger.

Violin Obligation: Mr. John Braga; Accompanist: Mr. Geo. Grimble.

9.25 p.m.—Dick Barry and a piano, (a) "The time that taught on"; (b) "Rum-ti-tum, come follow the drum."

9.35 p.m.—Piano Solo, "Scherzo Matinale," Villiers Stanford. Mrs. Scott Little.

9.40 p.m.—Baritone Song, "Shipmates O'Mine," Sanderson. Mr. A. E. Stone. Accompanist: Mr. George Grimble.

9.45 p.m.—Contralto Song, "There's a Land," Allitsen. Miss Vivian Helmore. Accompanist: Mrs. Scott Little.

9.55 p.m.—Humorous Scotch Song, Mr. Robert Sutherland. Accompanist: Mr. George Grimble.

10.05 p.m.—The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton will give a short address on "Poppy Day."

10.08 p.m.—Selection, "Merrie England," E. German. The Band of H.M.S. Berwick. Conductor: Mr. G. J. Maulkin.

10.20.—News bulletin.

Selection, H.M.S. Finafore, Sullivan. The Band of H.M.S. Berwick. Conductor: Mr. G. J. Maulkin.

10.30 p.m.—Soprano Song, "Roses of Picardy," Haydn Wood. Mrs. Richard Sanger. Violin Obligation: Mr. John Braga; Accompanist: Mr. George Grimble.

10.38 p.m.—Dick Barry and a Piano, (a) "Vollie"; (b) "Cutts of the Cruiser 'What-Not'."

10.48 p.m.—Piano Solo, Lament Opus 148, Villiers Stanford. Mrs. Scott Little.

10.55 p.m.—Baritone Song, "Requiem," Homer. Mr. A. E. Stone. Accompanist: Mr. George Grimble.

11 p.m.—Contralto Song, "My Prayer," W. H. Squire. Mrs. Vivian Helmore. Accompanist: Mrs. Scott Little.

Public Utilities.—China Lights have ruled strong and were negotiated in fair quantities up to \$10. This Company is making a new issue of shares in the proportion of one new share for every four Old at par. Hong Kong Electric were taken off the market at \$86. Telephone were done at \$7.80. Hong Kong Trams were put through at \$90 at the outset, but finished up with buyers at \$10.80. Star Ferries are obtainable at \$72.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have had a slight reaction after a brisk market and were booked down at \$13.15. Hong Kong Ropes are on offer at \$8.80. Watsons have weakened with business done at \$12. Lane, Crawfords have taken at \$1.95. Amusements at \$20 and Dairy Farms at \$22 have not moved. Benquet Consolidated have further strengthened and can be placed at \$44.

Cotton Mills.—Owing to the political situation in the North, this market is rather lower. Ewos were dealt in down to \$15.15, while Shanghai Cottons show a further decline at \$15.75 for the Old and \$15.80 for the New shares respectively.

Rubbers. The following are the latest quoted quotations received from Shanghai:—

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| Anglo-Javas |Tls. 7.30 buyers |
| Anglo-Dutch |4.35 " |
| Batu Anamas |0.60 " |
| Chemors |1.25 " |
| Consolidated |3.00 " |
| Kroewocks |2.00 " |
| Repats |1.30 " |
| Tanah Merahs |1.80 " |
| Tobongs |1.80 " |
| Bianges |6.70 " |

Raw rubber is quoted at \$14 buyers.

Exchange.—The T.T. rate on London to-day is 1/8d. and on Shanghai 78d.

Forward Settlement Days.—Nov. 26 and Dec. 23, 1929.

[Daily Share Quotations will be found on page 2 of this issue.]

DISTILLERY MEN FINED.

CHEATING THE REVENUE.

The employees of a distillery at Castle Peak, who were before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy on six charges of alleged importing and sending out-wines other than those recorded in the books of the distillery, were convicted.

The first defendant was convicted on two counts and fined \$500 or five months' imprisonment on the first count, and \$25 or three weeks on the second charge.

The second defendant, who was convicted on one charge only, was fined \$100 or two months' imprisonment.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, of the Import and Export Office, prosecuted, and Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, sr., appeared for the defendants.

BED ROCK ON NEW YORK CHANGE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Nov. 7. The Stock Market fluctuated violently to-day during the short three-hour session. A sharp break was followed by a pronounced rally.

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| AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "ANHUI" | On 10th Nov. | 8 a.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "KANGHOU" | On 10th Nov. | 10 a.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "KAYING" | On 11th Nov. | 5 p.m. |
| SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN | "SUNNING" | On 12th Nov. | Daylight |
| AMOI, SWATOW & DALN | "LIANGHOU" | On 13th Nov. | 5 p.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "CHEKIANG" | On 14th Nov. | Daylight |
| HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIKONG | "CHENGTO" | On 14th Nov. | 10 a.m. |
| SWATOW & SHANGHAI | "KIANGSU" | On 17th Nov. | 10 a.m. |
| SWATOW, AMOI, SWATOW & STONE | "ANKING" | On 18th Nov. | 5 p.m. |
| WHEIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN | "KUEICHOW" | On 26th Nov. | 10 a.m. |
| HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIKONG | "CHEKIANG" | On 28th Nov. | 10 a.m. |
| WHEIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN | "HUICHOW" | On 4th Dec. | 10 a.m. |

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| D'ARTAGNAN ... 31st Dec. | SPHINX ... 31st Dec. |
| ANGERS ... 14th Jan. | G. METZINGER ... 14th Jan. |
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| STATION | Barometer at Sea Level | Thermometer | Wind | Direction | Force | Humidity | Rain | Remarks |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|---------------|
| | Inches | Fahrenheit | Direction | Force | Force | Force | Force | Force |
| Wladivostok | 30.12 | 76.5 | 45 | NE | 2 | b | 6 | 30.18 76.8 35 |
| Nemuro | 29.88 | 79.0 | ... | NW | 1 | ... | 5 | 29.98 76.1 5 |
| Hokodate | 29.92 | 76.0 | ... | NNE | 1 | ... | ... | 30.04 76.3 0 |
| Tokio | 29.88 | 75.0 | ... | NW | 1 | ... | ... | 30.04 76.3 0 |
| Kobe | 29.92 | 76.0 | ... | ... | 0 | ... | ... | 30.10 76.5 0 |
| Nagasaki | 30.04 | 76.0 | ... | NNW | 1 | ... | ... | 30.16 76.0 0 |
| Kagoshima | 30.06 | 76.0 | ... | NNW | 1 | ... | ... | 30.10 76.5 0 |
| Oshima | 29.98 | 76.1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30.08 76.3 0 |
| Naha | 30.00 | 76.2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30.10 76.5 0 |
| Ishigakijima | 30.00 | 76.2 | ... | NNE | 2 | ... | ... | 29.98 76.1 5 |
| Ronin Island | 30.06 | 76.2 | ... | S | 1 | ... | ... | 30.04 76.3 0 |
| Chefoo | 30.19 | 76.6 | 58 | 81 | NW | 4 | b | 30.33 77.4 42 |
| Shanghai | 30.21 | 76.7 | 61 | 89 | N | 1 | o | 30.30 76.9 5 |
| Quiliff | 30.23 | 76.8 | 60 | 63 | N | 4 | o | 30.30 76.9 5 |
| Sharp Peak | 30.01 | 76.2 | 69 | 73 | ENE | 4 | o | 30.10 76.4 5 |
| Amoy | 30.02 | 76.2 | 74 | 72 | NE | 1 | o | 30.07 76.8 6 |
| Swatow | 29.97 | 76.1 | 72 | 68 | NNE | 1 | o | 29.99 76.7 6 |
| Taihook | 30.07 | 76.3 | 77 | 68 | ... | 4 | o | 30.07 76.8 6 |
| Taihu | 30.00 | 76.2 | 81 | ... | NNW | 4 | b | 30.00 76.2 0 |
| Tainan | 29.98 | 76.1 | 84 | ... | NNW | 2 | o | 29.97 76.1 6 |
| Rokun | 29.98 | 76.1 | 82 | ... | NE | 4 | b | 29.94 76.5 5 |
| Pescadore | 30.01 | 76.2 | 75 | ... | NNE | 6 | o | 29.99 76.1 7 |
| Hong Kong | 29.99 | 76.1 | 73 | 73 | N | 2 | o | 30.02 76.2 6 |
| Gap Rock | 29.98 | 76.1 | ... | ... | ... | 5 | o | 30.01 76.2 6 |
| Macao | 29.99 | 76.1 | 68 | 89 | NE | 2 | o | 30.00 76.2 6 |
| Helow | 29.99 | 76.1 | 71 | 89 | NE | 2 | o | 29.94 76.3 5 |
| Pratas Island | 29.93 | 76.2 | 74 | 86 | NE | 4 | od | 30.06 76.5 8 |
| Phulien | 30.00 | 76.2 | 75 | 60 | NW | 1 | b | 30.06 76.5 8 |
| Tourne | 29.81 | 75.2 | 73 | ... | E | 2 | of | 29.86 75.8 4 |
| Cape St. James | 29.76 | 75.0 | 81 | ... | ENE | 6 | b | 29.80 75.7 0 |
| Basco | 29.85 | 75.1 | 82 | 77 | NE | 2 | o | ... |
| Apurri | 29.81 | 75.2 | 84 | 77 | ENE | 2 | o | ... |
| Tuguegarao | 29.79 | 75.6 | 86 | 75 | ... | 0 | o | ... |
| Vigan | 29.73 | 75.1 | 86 | 68 | NW | 4 | b | ... |
| Manila | 29.75 | 75.5 | 86 | 68 | NNW | 2 | o | ... |
| Lepanto | 29.75 | 75.5 | 82 | 87 | ... | 0 | o | ... |
| Calbayog | 29.75 | 75.5 | 84 | 81 | SSW | 2 | o | ... |
| Tacolban | 29.74 | 75.4 | 84 | 77 | NE | 4 | b | ... |
| Iloilo | 29.71 | 75.1 | 90 | 63 | NE | 4 | o | ... |
| Cebu | 29.71 | 75.4 | 86 | 73 | N | 1 | o | ... |
| Surigao | 29.74 | 75.4 | ... | ... | NE | 6 | o | 4.22 |
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| Yap | 29.74 | 75.4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Pelew | 29.72 | 75.4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Penapo | 29.72 | 75.4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Labuan | 29.67 | 75.3 | 90 | 66 | W | 6 | b | 29.83 75.7 7 |

November 8d. 10A. 45m.—The anticyclone remains stationary and has increased in intensity. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the China coast and over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.0 inch. Total since January 1, 69.18 inches, against an average of 60.92 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON NOVEMBER 9.

- 1.—Formosa Channel ... N. winds, strong.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamoka ... N.E. winds, fresh; fair.
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ... N.E. winds, strong.
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ... N.E. winds, strong.

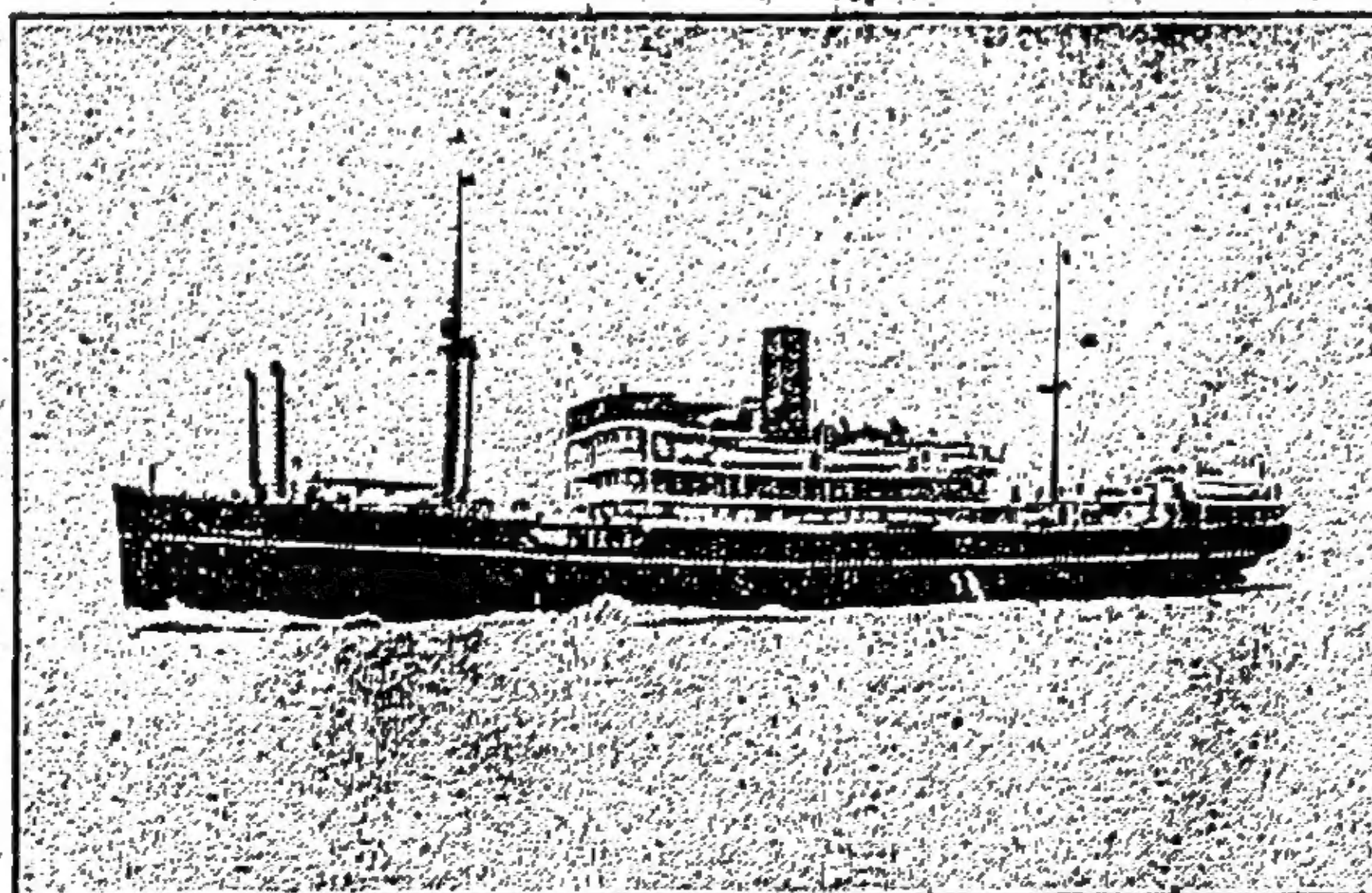
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| HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER. | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| Previous Day | On Date | On Date | On Date |
| at 4 p.m. | at 10 a.m. | at 4 p.m. | at 10 a.m. |
| Barometer ... 29.99 | 30.07 | 29.98 | 30.07 |
| Thermometer ... 71 | 72 | 73 | 73 |
| Humidity ... 81 | 65 | 69 | 69 |
| Wind ... NNW | N | E | E |
| Force ... 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Direction ... NNW | N | E | E |
| Force ... 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Barin ... 0.42 | 0.0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Highest open-air Temperature, 71.73 | | | |
| Lowest open-air Temperature, 61.67 | | | |
| B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder. | | | |

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| | "HANGSANG" | Wed., 13th Nov., at 7 a.m. |
| | "YATSHING" | Sun., 17th Nov., at 7 a.m. |
| | "KWAISANG" | Wed., 20th Nov., at 7 a.m. |
| OSAKA via AMOI, MOJI & KOBE | "HOSANG" | Mon., 11th Nov., at 7 a.m. |
| | "NAMSANG" | Wed., 27th Nov., at 7 a.m. |
| | "TUENSANG" | Tues., 3rd Dec., at 7 a.m. |
| | "SUISANG" | Wed., 18th Dec., at 7 a.m. |
| OSAKA via AMOI, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE | "KUTSANG" | Wed., 20th Nov., at 7 a.m. |
| SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | "KUMSANG" | Satur., 16th Nov., at 3 p.m. |
| SANDAKAN | "HINSANG" | Wed., 20th Nov., at 3 p.m. |
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